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TOWN OF

NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORTS

1997

Dickinson Memorial Library

'100th YEAR'

(Cover)

Dickinson Memorial Library - 1898 - 1998

In February of 1813 the Northfield Social Library was founded. In February of 1878 the Northfield Social Library was transferred to the town to become the Northfield Free Public Library. By 1893 the Town Hall location was crowded and cramped. Mr. Elijah Dickinson stepped forward in 1896 with plans to build and present to the town...'is my wish that said land and building shall be used forever as a Free Public Library, Reading and Antiquarian Rooms, and for Educational and Scientific uses, but for no other purposes'. Built in 1897, the completed building was dedicated and transferred to the town in 1898. For the last one hundred years the Northfield Free Public Library has been called the Dickinson Memorial Library.

TOWN OFFICERS
May 1997 to May 1998

MODERATOR

Thomas R. Shearer	Term expires May 2000

TOWN CLERK

Mary C. Taferner	Term expires May 2000

SELECTBOARD

Alfred C. Havens, Chair	Term expires May 1999
Bruce W. Jones	Term expires May 1998
Richard F. Taferner	Term expires May 2000

ASSESSORS

Linwood Wallace, Chair	Term expires May 1998
Warren E. Whitney	Term expires May 1999
Ronald Wickey	Term expires May 2000

TAX COLLECTOR

Barbara J. Brassor	Term expires May 1999

TREASURER

Barbara J. Brassor	Term expires May 2000

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
(Northfield Representatives)

Patricia E. Shearer, Chair	Term expires 2000
Kathleen O'Shea	Term expires 1998
Barbara Kibler	Term expires 1998

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Judith Radebaugh	Kris Bowser
Mary Johnson	MaryAnn Ladd
Judith Loomis	Kathy Loveland

Michele Steiner

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jon McGowan, Chair	Term expires May 1999
Lucille Dahlman	Term expires May 1999
Brenda Kehmeier	Term expires May 1998
Phyllis Derigon	Term expires May 1998
Debra Dirth	Term expires May 2000
Kathleen B. Nutter	Term expires May 2000

CONSTABLES

David Brassor	Term expires May 1998
James B. O'Shea	Term expires May 1998
John D. Ware	Term expires May 1998
Fredd M. Fuller	Term expires May 1998

PLANNING BOARD

Lucinda Kidder, Chair	Term expires May 1999
Bonnie L'Etoile	Term expires May 1999
David Balk	Term expires May 2002
Gary Weiss	Term expires May 2000
David Radebaugh	Term expires May 2001

BOARD OF HEALTH

Peter E. Bowser, Chair	Term expires May 1998
Karen Arsenault	Term expires May 1998
David R. Gibson	Term expires May 1999
Mark K. Trumbull	Term expires May 2000
David Balk	Term expires May 2000

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Dan A. Gray, Chair	Term expires May 1998
Gary Sibilia	Term expires May 1999
Everett Wickline	Term expires May 2000

RECREATION COMMISSION

Eugene Leonard	Term expires May 1999
Guy Newmann	Term expires May 1998
David Belcher	Term expires May 2000
Deborah A.W.Osowski (Appointed)	Term expires May 1998
Linda Peck (Appointed)	Term expires May 1998

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eugene L'Etoile, Chair	Term expires July 1999
Dorothy Parrill	Term expires July 2000
Susan E. Giles	Term expires July 1998
David Yucavitch	Term expires July 1998
Lois Stearns	Term expires July 2000
Reynold Henry	Term expires July 2000

Rep.to FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

James D. Whitney	Term expires June 2000

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Daniel Arsenault	Term expires Mar.31,1998

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Frank Turner

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1998

ACCOUNTANT

Deborah Mero — Term expires July 1, 1999

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT & FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

David G. Quinn. Jr.

CAPTAIN

Thomas Holton

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

David G. Quinn, Mr. — Thomas Holton — Rory Shippa

CHIEF OF POLICE

Gary M. Sibilia — Term expires Feb. 14, 2000

POLICE OFFICERS

Sgt. Robert F. Leighton
David Brassor (Resigned)
Spencer Bristol
David R. Clark
William Forrest
James B. O'Shea
Linda Shedd
Christopher Blair
Timothy O'Shea
Todd Roche

For Mutual Aid purposes:
Peter Brulotte, Chief
Bernardston P.D.
Sgt. Rian Graves,
Ofcr. Stephen McConley,
Bernardston P.D.
David Hastings, Chief
Gill P.D.
Ofcr. George LaPenta,
Erving P.D.

AUXILIARY/MATRON POLICE OFFICER

Shirley A. Thompson

AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

David G. Quinn, Sr., John D. Ware, David R. Gibson,
John Raymer, Christopher Bonnett

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMT's)

Karen Fleury, Dir.
Linda Shedd, Training Ofcr.
Renee Lake
Paula Brault
Danielle Flynn
Adam McOwen
Lionel Gagnon
Sharon E. Clark
James Lake, Jr.
Jay Nelson
Robert Inglehart
James Dresser
Michelle Otto
Jason Vaudry
James Fleury, 1st Resp.
Spencer Bristol, 1st Resp.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

David R. Gibson — Term expires May 1998

DOG OFFICER

Polly Severance & Kevin Gray — Term expires May 1998

TRUSTEE, FRED W. WELLS WILL

Theodore G. Penick — Term expires May 1998

GRAVES OFFICER

Charles Field — Term expires April 1998

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Floyd M. Dunnell, III — Term expires Jan. 1, 1999
Thomas Newton, Assistant — Term expires Jan. 1, 1999

WIRING INSPECTOR

Edward F. Marchefka
Robert Graves, Alternate
Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector Program

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

James Hawkins — Term expires April 1998
Philip Delorey (alternate) — Term expires April 1998

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES

Frank S. Turner — Term expires Dec. 1998

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Donald S. Mason	Pierina Bolton	Bruce Symington
Ronald H. Laczynski	James J. Marold	Brian Siano
Kevin Taylor	Bruce McWilliams	

FIELD DRIVERS & FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr. — Paul T. Gorzocoski — Fredd Fuller

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mary C. Taferner — Term expires April 1, 2000
Shirley A. Thompson — Term expires April 1, 1998
Ruth D. Johnson — Term expires April 1, 1999
Edward Fortier — Term expires April 1, 1999
Mary Ann Ladd, Asst.Reg. — Term expires April 1, 2000
Eleanor Landis, Asst.Reg. — Term expires April 1, 1998

ELECTION OFFICERS

Edward Fortier — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Helen M. Greene — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Judith Radebaugh — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Betty Gibson — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Ruth D. Johnson — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Susan Sibilia — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Sharon Billings — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Gloria Billings — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Ethel D. Fowler — Term expires Aug. 15, 1998

Mary O'Connell	Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Alice Fortier	Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Jane Abbott	Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Helen Gorzocoski	Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Phyllis Derigon	Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
Richard F. Taferner	Term expires Aug. 15, 1998
JoAnn Newton	Term expires Aug. 15, 1998

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Homer Stavely	Term expires Jan. 1, 1999
Jean Kozlowski	Term expires Jan. 1, 2001
Patricia Russell	Term expires Jan. 1, 1999
Alice Fortier	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Katherine Wolfe	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Kenneth Hubert	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS,
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS,
PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

Edward D. Shearer, Chairman	Term expires Dec. 2001
Raymond E. Clark	Term expires Dec. 2000
Joanne McGee	Term expires Dec. 2002
Robert G. Barnes	Term expires Dec. 1998
Stanley Gaida	Term expires Dec. 1999
Marguerite Lentz, Assoc. Member	Term expires Dec. 1998
Thomas J. Russell " "	Term expires Dec. 1999
William Forrest " "	Term expires Dec. 2001

NORTHFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Lisa White (Resigned)	Term expires July 1, 1999
Jeanne Sisson	Term expires July 1, 2000
Shauna Tillson-Griffin	Term expires July 1, 1999
Christine Harris	Term expires July 1, 1999
Anne Harlow	Term expires July 1, 1999
Sharon Miller	Term expires July 1, 2000
Judy Clark	Term expires July 1, 2000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Charles Blanker, Chairman	Term expires July 1, 1999
Mary A. Wozniak	Term expires July 1, 1998
William Llewelyn	Term expires July 1, 1999
William C. Walker	Term expires July 1, 1999
Laurel Lussen	Term expires July 1, 2000

COUNCIL ON AGING

Raymond J. Parenteau	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Mary J. Porter	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000
Eileen U. Gorzocoski	Term expires Jan. 1, 2001
Helen Greene	Term expires Jan. 1, 2001
Ruth Dale	Term expires Jan. 1, 2001
Gerald Tessier	Term expires Jan. 1, 2001
Fr. John Ayers	Term expires Jan. 1, 1999
Mary Ann Wozniak	Term expires Jan. 1, 2000

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Judith Radebaugh, Chair	Term expires Dec. 31, 1999
Brian Brault	Term expires Dec. 31, 1998
Brenda Kehmeier	Term expires Dec. 31, 1998
Eileen Dowd	Term expires Dec. 31, 1999

Annual Report of the NORTHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This year, as has been the case in past years, the members of the Board of Selectmen were very busy. In addition to the regularly scheduled weekly meetings, the Board provided representation from the Town in many areas. These include the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, the Franklin Regional Planning Board, the Northfield Council on Aging, the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection program, the Building Space Committee, the TV Advisory Committee, the Franklin County Selectmen's Association, the Veterans' Service Committee, plus a number of standing committees related to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District as well as several short term committees such as the Police space Needs Committee, the Computer Needs Committee and Northfield Economic Opportunity Area Team.

This demand on time has made it necessary for the Selectboard to become more and more dependent on the efforts of the Town Secretary, Shirley Thompson, and the town's Administrative Assistant, Susan Draves. Shirley and Sue, we thank you for helping us keep things in proper order and perspective. The support of the other staff members as well as all the elected officials help to keep "the ship" afloat, and for everyone's efforts, we thank you also.

The highlight of the year has to be the approval of the Pioneer Valley Regional School project by the town and the school district members. Much study and discussion was held on the pros and cons of the proposed plan and after all the reviews and discussion, the Town Meeting overwhelmingly gave its approval.

With the generous support of the Northfield Mount Hermon School, the Town was able to obtain a replacement for its ailing Fire Department ladder truck.

Other activities and events worth noting are:

1. Continued work on the plans for the Library to bring it into compliance with the requirements of the American Disabilities Act.
2. Corrections of some long-standing building code violations in Town Hall.
3. Further updating of the election system in Town Hall.
4. Obtaining a facsimile machine for Town Hall that all Town employees can access.

5. Installation of a telephone answering machine to record calls in "off hours".
6. A review of the Police Department space needs.
7. Dealing with the exploding population of beavers in town. (This item will be with us for years to come, as there is no solution to it as yet.)
8. The approval, with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority for the installation of the elevator at Squakeag Village.
9. Review of the long-range plans for road improvements.

Among other accomplishments of which Northfield can be proud are:

1. Pioneer Valley Regional School's continued domination of the basketball court. This year, the girl's basketball team also made us all proud.
2. Mr. Paul Carpenter's efforts to pay tribute to Northfield's veterans by developing a list of town residents to be placed on a Veterans' Memorial.
3. The continuing success of the Northfield Community Newsletter.

These items and events and many others have helped to make our town a town that people can take pride in and a town that people want to live in. Most of what happens in town is "people driven" and this report can't be completed without the appeal for more people to get involved. Government is beoming more complex on all levels, and if we want to maintain the quality of service and the quality of life we expect, we need to have more people step forward and offer to help. It is our town and we must all work together to help it function for the good of our past, present and future residents and businesses.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred C. Havens, Chair
Bruce W. Jones
Richard F. Taferner

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The modernization of the Town Clerk's office continues, and the new optical scan voting equipment has now been in use for two years and has been well received by the townspeople.

Money has again been voted by Town Meeting so that our program of vital statistic book preservation can be continued. This year we plan to send one of our earliest book of vital records (1727-1838) to the Center in Andover for deacidification, preservation and rebinding. This vital records preservation program is well on its way to completion with only three more books to be sent. Six books have previously been sent and these

records are now in a good state of preservation. After the vital record books are completed, other old Town records will be sent. It is very gratifying that the Town of Northfield remains interested in the preservation of our historic books and is willing to vote the required funds for this on-going effort.

A further need that must be addressed in the Town Clerk's office is the enlargement of the Town vault. The Town Hall was built in 1927 and we are still using the same vault space. It is no longer adequate to modern needs and is now very crowded with Town records which we are mandated to keep. This must be addressed within the next year.

The following are the Town Clerk's reports for the year 1997. It is extremely important that our vital records be complete and accurate. If any omissions or errors are discovered, please report them immediately to the Town Clerk so that corrections can be made.

BIRTHS - 1997

Date	Name	Parents
February		
13	Long, Megan Marie	Stephen & Holly Long
March		
1	Hogan, Connor John	William & Janice Hogan
14	Riendeau, Jonathan Allen	John & Robin Riendeau
30	Duska, Gabriel Paul	Matthew & Carolyn Duska
31	Martineau, Triston David	Patrick & Bobby Jean Martineau
April		
13	Momaney, Jordan MacKenzie	Michael & Linda Momaney
22	Wahlstrom, Nicholas Andrew	William & Alison Wahlstrom
May		
11	Dintaman, Garrett Patrick	Dale & Sheila Dintaman
16	Eckel, Avery Erick	Edwin & Laura Eckel
June		
29	Sweeney, Kelly Elizabeth	Christopher & Suzanne Sweeney
July		
8	Strakose-Hagen, Jake Michael	Bruce & Denise Hagen
8	Rogers, Jared Daniel	Timothy & Tracey Rogers
18	Shearer, Scott Howard	Edward & Tracy Norman Shearer
30	Underwood, Jephunneh J.L.	Keith & Jennifer Underwood
August		
2	McOwen, Nevada Moon	Adam & Renee McOwen
September		
2	Dickerman, Christopher Robert	Robert & Cynthia Dickerman

4	Adams, Jesse Lee Garrett	David & Tamara Adams
October		
7	Hubbard, Kyle Matthew	Kenneth & Dawn Hubbard
13	Hicks, Talia Jade	Stephen & Susan Hicks
21	Wheeler, Kyle Gene	Larry & Cheri Wheeler
November		
6	Malsch, Emily Elizabeth	Steven & Kathleen Malsch
13	Dehler-Seter, Tristan Paul	Edwin & Laura Dehler-Seter
22	Scott, Connor Joseph	Christopher & Susan Scott
December		
2	Crooker, Jessica Ruth	William & Jill Crooker
16	Yildiz, Asena Deniz	Kazim & Melda Yildiz

MARRIAGES - 1997

Date	Name & Residence	Place of Marriage
April		
11	Barton, Wendell L., Northfield, Ma. Lively, Janice R., Northfield, Ma.	Bernardston, Ma.
July		
5	Matthews, Richard H., Jr., W. Swanzey, N.H. Bellerive, Marla, W. Swanzey, N.H.	Nantucket, Ma.
26	Shaw, Duane C., Brattleboro, Vt. Fowler, Bethany C., Brattleboro, Vt.	Northfield, Ma.
August		
2	Wells, Jonathan David, Lakewood, Co. Field, Rebecca, Lakewood, Co.	Northfield, Ma.
September		
20	Scoville, Michael J., Millers Falls, Ma. Stafford, Andrea L., Millers Falls, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
20	Ciccarelli, Skip H., Royalston, Ma. Finger, Shafiya S., Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
27	Wood, H. Brian, Northfield, Ma. Brown, Lynn D., Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
October		
4	Read, William M., Northfield, Ma. Adams, Vanessa Leigh, Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.
11	Balk, David Clarke, Northfield, Ma. Ortiz, Yasmin, Greenfield, Ma.	Greenfield, Ma.
18	Gallaspie, Phillip M., Northfield, Ma. Caven, Mary H., Northfield, Ma.	Northfield, Ma.

DEATHS - 1997

Date	Name	Date of Birth	Age
January			
2	Jordan, Annette Constant	May 2, 1904	92
3	Stebbins, Ruth R.	Jan. 21, 1910	86
13	Hammond, David B.	Nov. 24, 1914	82
20	Jones, Clyde Dennis	July 28, 1935	61
February			
2	Hilliker, Laurence R.	March 31, 1920	76
6	Holloway, Darwin W.	Sept. 28, 1925	71
7	James, Ann Parker	Feb. 28, 1939	57
13	Peller, Mary Ellen C.	Dec. 2, 1951	45
21	Picard, Blanche C.	March 14, 1908	88
March			
10	Orr, James E.	Jan. 9, 1906	91
11	Newton, Paul Allen	Feb. 8, 1968	29
13	Pugh, Harry Reid, Jr.	July 27, 1911	85
April			
16	Prescott, Marjorie W.	July 25, 1901	95
May			
17	Rikert, Bertha M.	Jan. 19, 1900	97
26	Andrews, Priscilla May	Aug. 24, 1922	74
June			
1	Sant Fournier, Hugo M.	Aug. 13, 1913	83
July			
9	Dostie, Lella E.	Sept. 21, 1911	85
15	Lawler, Alfred G.	Sept. 4, 1913	83
28	Chapman, Lea Marie	Oct. 23, 1938	58
August			
1	Reid, Dorothy Jean	May 9, 1929	68
October			
11	Lamoureaux, Florence A.	Feb. 7, 1927	70
29	Bachinski, Stephen W.	Jan. 9, 1930	67
November			
5	Gamache, Everett L.	July 15, 1921	76
25	Sprague, Richard T.	Dec. 15, 1928	68
December			
8	Stafford, Charles L., Jr.	Feb. 16, 1920	77

DOG LICENSES - 1997

Male Dogs	208
Female Dogs	26
Spayed Female Dogs	188
Kennel ($10.00)	17
Kennel ($25.00)	6
Kennel ($50.00)	3

Late fees and fines collected $1,481.00

FISH & GAME LICENSES - 1997

F1	Resident Fishing	26
F2	Resident Fishing Minor	6
F3	Resident Fishing 65-69	1
F4	Resident Fishing Handicapped	5
F6	Non-Resident Fishing	5
F7	Non-Resident Fishing 3-day	3
F8	Resident Fishing 3-day	0
T1	Resident Trapping	0
T2	Resident Trapping Minor	0
T3	Resident Trapping, Age 65-69	0
DF	Duplicate Fishing	0
DT	Duplicate Trapping	0
H1	Resident Citizen Hunting	14
H2	Resident Hunting 65-69	2
H3	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	0
H4	Resident Alien Hunting	0
H5	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	5
H6	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	9
H7	Non-Resident Hunting, Com.,Shg.,Pr.	0
H8	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	4
S1	Resident Sporting	27
S2	Resident Sporting, Age 65-69	4
S3	Resident Citizen Sporting, over 70	16
DH	Duplicate Hunting	0
DS	Duplicate Sporting	1
M1	Archery Stamp	9
M2	Waterfowl Stamp	5
M3	Primitive Firearms Stamp	19
W1	Wild. Conservation Stamp(Resident)	84
W2	Wild. Conservation Stamp(Non-resident)	22

ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 27, 1997

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Thomas Shearer at 7:00 p.m. One hundred and nine voters were in attendance and voted on the following articles:

Article 1: VOTED UNAN. that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles and/or any amendments.

Article 2: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer the sum of five hundred fifty dollars ($550.00) from available funds (free cash) for the Town of Northfield's Insurance account to fulfill its financial obligations.

Article 3: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE (108 for, one opposed) that the Town transfer the sum of seventeen thousand eight hundred twenty-eight dollars ($17,828.00) from available funds (free cash) to enable the Town to meet its financial obligation to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. A motion had been made by Barbara Kibler to amend this figure to $76,412.00. This motion to amend the figure was defeated (56 against, 53 for - vote taken by hand count).

Article 4: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00) from the Northfield Sale of Cemetery Lots reserved for appropriation account to a Northfield Highway Department "Major Improvement Account" to enable the Cemetery Division to develop land for burial purposes and for constructing paths and avenues/roadways and embellishing the grounds in a developed area in cemeteries owned by the Town.

Article 5: VOTED UNAN. that the Town designate an Economic Opportunity Area, the area more particularly described in the Pioneer Business Center E.O.A. application dated February 1, 1997 and shown on Assessors Map No. 17 as Block A, 11B and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to offer Tax Increment Financing packages for qualified economic development projects undertaken within said Economic Opportunity Area.

Article 6: VOTED UNAN. that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to approve the Project Certification Application, dated Decembeer 30, 1996, submitted by Systems, Software, Support, Inc. for a facility located within the Pioneer Business Center Economic Opportunity Area, and the form tax increment financing agreement between Systems, Software, Support, Inc. and the Town of Northfield; said approval confirming the information contained in the Project Certification Application that:

a) The project, as proposed, is consistant with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion in the Economic Opportunity Area;

b) The project will not overburden the Town's infrastructure and utilities servicing the Economic Opportunity Area; and

c) The project, as described in the Project Certification will have a reasonable chance of increasing employment opportunities for residents of the project Economic Target Area, thereby reducing blight, and economic depression. The Town requests that the project be designated as a certified project for a term of ten (10) years.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

A True Copy ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 5, 1997

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Thomas Shearer at 7:10 p.m. The return of the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk. There were approximately 130 in attendance who voted on the following articles:

Article 1: VOTED UNAN. that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles.

Article 2: VOTED UNAN. that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees, and to accept the reports as printed and/or amended.

MOTION MADE & VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE to delay consideration of Articles 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 to June 25, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Valley Regional School auditorium.

The following Resolution was read by Richard Taferner, Selectman:

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 1997 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

James Dresser, Jr. - Assessor
Mary Llewelyn - P.V.R.S. District Committee
Kathryn Bridges-Gray - Board of Health
Sue Kaczenski - Sewer Commission
Almon Dirth, 3rd - Recreation Commission
Susan Sibilia - Recreation Commission
Claude Shepard - rep. to Franklin County Tech. School
Daniel Arsenault - Dog Officer
David Gendron - former Erving Police Chief
Roy Niedbala - Building Commissioner
Rebecca Beaman - Public Weigher
Warren E. Whitney - Public Weigher
Ann P. James (Deceased) - Election Officer
Sharon Billings - Substitute Election Officer
Alice Lord - Historical Commission
Stuart Eldridge - Historical Commission
Ray Moore - Conservation Commission
Dorothy Fosdick - Council on Aging
Donald Lippack - Cable TV Advisory Committee
Michael Schena - Cable TV Advisory Committee
Lionel Gagnon - Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
Douglas E. O'Neill - Administrative Assistant

NORTHFIELD SELECTBOARD, May 5, 1997

Article 5: VOTED UNAN. that the Town authorize the Selectboard to accept from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., a sum or sums of money, or other gift for the benefit of the Town or any of its departments, Commissions, committees, etc.

Article 6: VOTED UNAN. that the Town accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (Massachusetts Highway Department) for Chapter 90-type construction/improvements/reconstruction of public ways; and authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto, and appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Article 7: VOTED AS AMENDED that the Town allow the Northfield Planning Board to establish a Revolving Account under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or any amendments thereto, upon the recommendation of the Northfield Selectboard for Fiscal Year 1998, and that said fund shall be:
1) Expended for the functional purposes/requirements of the Planning Board in arriving at its determinations; for disseminating information to town residents in order for them to make informed decisions; for members attendance at seminars and meetings for educational enhancement, as well as for the purpose of hiring temporary assistance for record taking and consulting purposes.

2) Financed from departmental receipts received from fees received.
3) Expended only with an affirmative vote from a majority of the Planning Board members present and voting for such expenditures, not to exceed $2,500.00 unless authorized by the Selectboard.

Article 8: VOTED UNAN. TO PASS OVER AND DELAY to June 25, 1997. (Revolving Fund for Conservation Commission)

Article 9: VOTED UNAN. that the Town allow Northfield's Community TV Advisory Committee to establish a Revolving Account under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or any amendments thereto, upon the recommendation of the Northfield Selectboard for Fiscal Year 1998, and said fund shall be:

1) Expended for course materials and associated costs for increasing the proficiency of the Committee members and/or its camera operators, for supplies and equipment and for station up-grade.
2) Financed from receipts realized from income earned and/or realized from contractural obligations of the licensee (Continental Cablevision or its successor or assigns).
3) Expended only with an affirmative vote from a majority of the members present and voting for such expenditure and the approval of the Selectboard, not to exceed $1,000.

Article 10: VOTED UNAN. that the Town allow the Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library to establish a Revolving Account under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or any amendments thereto, upon the recommendation of the Northfield Selectboard for Fiscal Year 1998, and that said fund shall be:

1) Expended for computer materials, such as, but not limited to, software, paper, equipment, CDROM's.
2) Financed from the receipts received from fines levied against patrons and users of the library for violations of library rules and regulations.
3) Expended by a majority vote of the Library Trustees present and voting for such expenditure, not to exceed $2,000.

Article 11: VOTED UNAN. that the Town accept the Charter establishing the Franklin Regional Council of Governments as proposed by the Franklin Regional Charter Commission for the purpose of providing regional municipal services pursuant to Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, Section 567, as amended.

Article 12: VOTED 129 yes, 1 no, that the Town adopt the following non-zoning By-Law for the registering and licensing of dogs within the Town of Northfield:

'All persons residing in the Town of Northfield and keeping and/or maintaining a dog in said Town shall be obligated to register/license each dog on an annual basis. Proof of current Rabies vaccination will be required at registration. Registration/licensing will be held between April 1st and May 15th of each year.

Residents acquiring new dogs, or new residents who bring dogs into the Town of Northfield will have 30 days from the date of purchasing the dog, or in the case of a new resident, from the date when such person begins residency in which to comply with this By-Law.

Failure to register/license a dog will result in a fine of $25.00.'

Article 13: AMENDED AND VOTED UNAN., that the Town amend the Northfield Protective Regulation By-Laws by adding a new section under Article XI, General REgulations, to be designated as Section 11.06 Telecommunications as follows:

11.06 Telecommunications

1. Purpose, Applicability and Use - The purpose of this By-Law is to establish appropriate siting criteria and standards for communications towers and facilities including but not limited to radio, television, and cellular communications in order to minimize adverse visual impacts and maintain the residential character of the town, and preserve scenic views to and from the town's roadways and waterways. This By-Law is intended to discuss reasonable regulations while allowing adequate service to residents, the traveling public and others within the town and to accommodate the need for the minimum possible number of such facilities within the Town of Northfield. The requirements of this By-Law shall apply to all communications towers and wireless communication facilities that require a special permit under Sec. 6.02 of the Protective Regulation By-Law, excluding in-kind or smaller replacement of existing equipment. Special Permits for communication towers and wireless communication facilities shall be administered by the Planning Board.

2) Required Performance and Location Standards -

a) Any tower shall be set back from property lines a distance of at least equal to 150% of the height of the tower.

b) Any tower shall be at least 500 feet from any residential building.

c) Accessory structures housing support equipment for towers shall not exceed 400 sq.ft. in size and 15 ft. in height and shall be designed to be harmonious and architecturally compatible with surrounding area. Screened fencing with no barbed or razor wire and a minimum height of 6 ft. shall be installed around structures and towers and shall be

compatible with scenic character of town.

d) Minimum clearing of natural vegetation should be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the tower.

e) Night lighting shall be prohibited unless required by Federal authorities and shall be the minimum necessary.

f) Tower shall be no higher than necessary and maximum height shall be no more than 120 ft. from natural ground level. Planning Board may waive or amend height restriction for co-location development.

g) Shared use of towers and co-location of communication devices is encouraged. All towers constructed by applicant shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of communication facilities aesthetically appropriate for that location.

h) Wherever feasible, telecommunication facilities shall be located on existing towers or other non-residential structures, minimizing construction of new towers. Use of municipal properties is to be strongly encouraged if possible.

i) Wireless communication facilities placed on existing buildings shall be camouflaged or screened and designed to be harmonious and architecturally compatible with the building.

j) Towers shall be painted a neutral, non-reflective color designed to blend with the surrounding environment.

k) There shall be no signs, except for announcement signs, no-trespassing signs and a required minimum 2'x2' sign on the screening fence giving a phone number where the owner can be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour basis, and other signs required by FCC. All signs shall conform with the Sign By-Law of the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law.

l) Discontinuance: Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant is required to post with the Town Treasurer, a bond or other form of financial security acceptable to said Treasurer in an amount set by the Building Commission or his/her designee. The amount shall be sufficient to cover the demolition of the facility in the event the Building Commissioner condemns the facility or deems it has ceased to be used for its intended purpose for more than one year. The Building Commissioner shall give the applicant 45 days notice in advance of any demolition action. In the event the posted amount does not cover the cost of demolition, the Building Commissioner may place a lien on the property covering the difference in cost.

m) Annual certification by an independent consultant selected by the Town of Northfield, demonstrating

continuing compliance with the standards of the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Aviation Administration and the American National Standards Institute and required maintenance shall be filed with the Building Inspector by the Special Permit holder. Cost of annual certification to be paid by the tower owner.

n) The Special Permit granted shall lapse in two years if construction has not commenced by such date, except for good cause shown. And, provided further that such construction, once begun, shall be actively and continuously pursued to completion within a reasonable time. Any addition of antenna cells shall require an amendment of the Special Permit.

o) The Board shall also impose, in addition to any applicable conditions specified in the By-Law, such applicable conditions as it finds reasonably appropriate to safeguard the neighborhood or otherwise service the purposes of this By-Law, including, but not limited to: screening, buffering, lighting, fences, modification of the exterior appearance of the structures, limitation upon the size, method of access or other traffic features, parking, removal or cessation of use, or other requirements. Such conditions shall be imposed in writing and the applicant may be required to post bond or other surety for compliance with said conditions in an amount satisfactory to the Board.

p) The following information must be prepared by a professional engineer:

1) A description of the facility and the technical, economic and other reasons for the proposed location, height and design.
2) Confirmation that the facility complies with all applicable Federal and State standards.
3) A description of the capacity of the facility including the number and type of panels, antennas and/or transmitter receivers that it can accommodate and the basis for these calculations.
4) If applicable, a written statement that the proposed facility complies with, or is exempt from applicable regulations administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FFA), and complies with all other Federal, State or local regulatory bodies.

q) <u>Exemptions</u>

1) The following types of wireless communications facilities are exempt from By-Law.
2) Amateur radio towers used in accordance with the terms of any amateur radio service license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, provided that (1) the tower is

not used or licensed for any commercial purpose, (2) the tower must have a cost or replacement value of less than $10,000; and (3) the tower must be removed if the use is discontinued for one year.

3) Facilities used for the purposes set forth in M.G.L. c40A, Sec. 3.

3) Procedures

a. Applicant shall be responsible for all required advertising costs.

b. Applicant shall be responsible for all necessary review costs.

Article 14: VOTED YES, 77, NO 42 that the Town authorize the Town Moderator to form a study committee to evaluate the financial and social impact to the Town for various alternatives to an impass between the Town and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District concerning Northfield's annual assessment to the school, and to report their findings at a future town meeting within one year.

Article 15: VOTED UNAN. that the Town continue the existence of the Building Space Committee with its present membership to continue to study and evaluate space in town-owned buildings, and to redefine the basic mission of the committee as stated in Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 1992 to include the evaluation and consideration of current and future needs of various town departments for space outside of municipally owned buildings to include the evaluation of new structures and/or the purchase of buildings in the private sector.

Article 16: AMENDED AND VOTED TO PASS OVER.
(Accept sum of $500 from McGowan's for Perpetual Care of Cemetery lots)

ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 25, 1997

The Moderator, Mr. Thomas Shearer, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with approximately 150 in attendance, and the following Special Town Meeting articles were acted upon:

Article 1: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town transfer the sum of $58,584.00 from available funds (free cash) to enable the Town to complete its financial obligation and fulfill its budgetary obligations to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District's 1996/1997 budget.

Article 2: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from the Roof Replacement Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 1996 and the continued meeting of June 24, 1996, for the purpose of making necessary repairs to the roof of the Town Hall building; the balance of funds appropriated under Article 25 of May 6, 1996 ($12,700.00) to be returned to the General Funds of the Town.

Article 3: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $1,700.00 to the "Rabies Shot account" to provide vaccination against rabies for members of Town Departments.

Article 4: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $1,100.00 for the payment of an expense incurred in a prior year to the Town of Bernardston for a discrepancy in the tonnage charged by Bernardston for trash from Northfield.

Article 5: VOTED UNAN. that the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 23D in that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Northfield is hereby authorized to issue a notice of preliminary tax in fiscal year 1998, with the prior written approval of the Commissioner of Revenue for each fiscal year, and require the payment of the preliminary tax, which shall in no event exceed fifty percent of one hundred and two and one-half percent of the tax payable during the preceding fiscal year and of the amount by which such tax would have increased if any referendum question submitted to the voters under the provisions of paragraph (g), (i 1/2), (j) or (k) of section twenty-one C and approved for the fiscal year had been approved for the preceding fiscal year; provided, however, that the Board of Assessors in the Town of Northfield shall submit to the commissioner all information required to set the tax rate pursuant to section twenty-three, except the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation for the current fiscal year, and any other information as may be required for purposes of the aforementioned approval; and provided further, that in the Town of Northfield undertaking a general revaluation of its property under a program approved by the commissioner for completion and implementation for the fiscal year, the approval shall not be granted unless the commissioner is satisfied that full and fair valuations shall be established prior to February first of the current fiscal year for certification under subsection c of section two A. The Assessors of the Town of Northfield shall establish the tax rate for the fiscal year no later than April first. In no event shall the net amount of revenue to be raised by taxation, as submitted to the commissioner pursuant to the approval required under this section, be exceeded, except to the extent that additional new growth, as certified by the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (f) of section twenty-one C, exceeds the prior approved amount and a referendum question submitted to the voters under the

provisions of said paragraph (g), (i 1/2), (j) or (k) has been approved. The actual tax bill issued upon the establishment of the tax rate for the fiscal year, after credit is given for the preliminary tax payment previously made, shall be payable on or before May first of the fiscal year without payment of interest.

In the Town of Northfield, the Board of Assessors must vote to seek approval to issue a notice of preliminary tax no later than August fifteenth of the current fiscal year; provided, however, that the notice of preliminary tax must be issued no later than October first of the current fiscal year and provided, further, that the Board of Assessors shall inform the Selectmen immediately of its vote. Said dates may be extended for a city or town by the commissioner only if he finds extraordinary circumstances have caused delay in meeting such dates.

All provisions of law regarding the procedures for issuing, mailing and collecting tax assessments upon real and personal property and betterment assessments shall be applicable to the notice of preliminary tax provided hereunder, including the payment of interest under section fifty-seven. To the extent that any rights or remedies under law acrue from the date that the tax bill is issued, only the tax bill issued upon the establishment of the tax rate for the current fiscal year shall govern such rights and remedies. The provisions of section twenty-one C shall apply to the tax rate established by the city or town for the current fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the first paragraph, the Town of Northfield, may, with the prior written approval of the commissioner, require the payment of a preliminary tax in excess of fifty percent of the tax payable during the preceding year, to the extent that such excess represents one-half of the amount of tax accruing as a result of the loss of exemption from tax that had been granted in the preceding fiscal year, improvements to the parcel, or the parcel being taxed as a separate parcel for the first time. The Town of Northfield is further authorized under this paragraph with the prior written approval of the commissioner, to issue a notice of preliminary tax for any property which becomes subject to taxation for the first time in the current fiscal year.

The Assessor may, on application or of their own motion, abate so much of the preliminary tax as remains unpaid that is in excess of the property owner's proportional share.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Assessors of the Town of Northfield may add any betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate, annual sewer use charge and any other charge placed on the annual tax bill to the preliminary tax on the property to which it relates and of the amount by which such tax would have increased if any referendum question submitted to the voters under the provisions of said paragraph (g), (i 1/2), (j) or (k) and approved for the fiscal year had been approved for the preceding fiscal year and such amount shall become part of the preliminary tax.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned and the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting from May 5, 1997 was taken up as follows:

Article 3: VOTED UNAN. that any monies appropriated that exceed monies recommended by the Town's Finance Committee under Article 4 of this Fiscal Year 1998 Annual Town Meeting, or any other Article voted at the Fiscal Year Annual Town Meeting that are in excess of the Levy Limit shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 1/2".

Article 4: VOTED UNAN. that the Town under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or any amendments thereto, fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 1998, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

		Voted FY98
Moderator Salary		0.00
Moderator Expense		80.00
Selectmen Salaries		3955.00
Chairman	1370.00	
Others	1293.00	
Selectmen Expense		5970.00
Admin. Asst. Salary		32030.00
Secretary Salary		22683.00
Finance Cmte. Expense		315.00
Reserve Fund		10000.00
Accountant Salary		15121.00
Accountant Expense		335.00
Assessors Salaries		4437.00
Chairman	1541.00	
Others	1448.00	
Assessors Clerk Salary		14560.00
Assessors Expense		6550.00
Asst. Assessors Clerk		0.00
Treasurer Salary		7996.00
Treasurer Expense		3800.00
Tax Collector Salary		5606.00
Tax Collector Expense		7000.00
Town Legal Counsel		20000.00
Computer Supply/Service		4500.00
Tax Title Foreclosure		2800.00
Copy Machine Supply/Service		2000.00
Town Clerk Salary		5157.00
Town Clerk Expense		550.00
Elections & Registration		4000.00
Conservation Commission		560.00
Planning Board		480.00
Zoning/Appeals Board		275.00
Land Damages		1.00
Town Hall Custodian		6674.00

Town Hall Maintenance		14450.00
Town Reports		1500.00
Town Clock		150.00
TOTAL		203535.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Wages & Salaries		97127.00
Chief	36784.00	
2nd Officer	28478.00	
P.T.Officers	21942.00	
Holiday-Chief	1556.00	
O.T.Wages	6367.00	
Police Grant Incent.	2000.00	
Police Operating Expense		17150.00
Fire Dept. Salaries		2628.00
Chief	1833.00	
1st Fire Warden	368.00	
Pub.Safety Ofcr.	184.00	
Fire Dept.Sec'y.	244.00	
Fire Dept. Wages		14376.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense		8000.00
Hose & Equipment		6500.00
Inspection Fees		1400.00
Hydrants		2500.00
Maintenance Fire Station		6700.00
Fire Ponds/Waterholes		1600.00
Ambulance Service		0.00
EMT Wages & Salaries		4408.00
EMT Expense		2845.00
Building Inspector Salary		10374.00
Building Inspector Expense		1845.00
Wire Inspector Program		8178.00
Civil Defense		500.00
Dog Officer Salary		2136.00
Dog Officer Expense		1300.00
Tree Dept. Wages & Expense		5000.00
Contable Wages		463.00
Constables Expense		30.00
Fence Viewers, Etc.		1.00
TOTAL		195061.00

EDUCATION

PVRS Operating Assessment	1531812.00
PVRS Capital Assessment	26255.94
Franklin County Tech.School Operating Assessment	66063.00
Franklin County Tech.School Capital Assessment	0.00
TOTAL	1624130.94

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Highway Supt. Expense	1200.00
Highway Dept. Wages	160225.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	80000.00

Oiling & Stoning	60000.00
Highway Tools	1000.00
Snow Removal Wages	Comb w/ hwy
Snow Removal Expense	50000.00
Street Lights	13150.00
Machinery Maintenance	62000.00
Maintenance Highway Garage	4000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Lists	1.00
Solid Waste District	5043.00
Waste Disposal	93125.00
Sewer Commissioner Salaries	999.00
Sewer Commission Expense	67.00
Sewer Dept. Collector	492.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	40670.00
Operation & Maint. Sewer Plant	58071.00
Cemetery Wages & Expense	1200.00
TOTAL	631243.00

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bd. of Health Salaries	1663.00
Bd. of Health Expense	2365.00
Secretary, Bd. of Health	683.00
Shared Health Agent	4509.00
Septic System Inspection Fees	2000.00
Animal Inspector	1800.00
Council on Aging	8961.00
Soldiers Relief	2500.00
TOTAL	24481.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Dickinson Library Wages	45828.00
Dickinson Library Expense	17095.00
Nfld. Farms Library	425.00
Recreation Commission	3000.00
Maint. Athletic Field	1800.00
Historical Society Building	400.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Memorial Day	1200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00
Elem. School Building Use	0.00
TOTAL	70288.00

DEBT SERVICE

Maturing Debt - Princ.		221570.56
Sewer(Bonds 1/92)	25000.00	
Sch.(Bonds 1/92)	175000.00	
Sewer(Bonds 7/93)	21570.56	

Int. on long-term Debt.		167015.44
Sewer(Bonds 1/92)	14932.50	
Sch. (Bonds 1/92)	122182.50	
Sewer(Bonds 7/93)	29900.44	
Int. on short-term Deb.		3000.00
TOTAL		391586.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Workers Comp. Insurance	10000.00
Unemployment	2250.00
Health Insurance	62196.00
Life Insurance	620.00
Medicare/FICA	10000.00
Other Insurance	23000.00
TOTAL	108066.00
GRAND TOTAL	$3248390.94

Article 17: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser and related equipment for the Northfield Police Department.

Article 18: VOTED UNAN. to take no action.
(Purchase tractor with snowblower)

Article 19: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town approve the following By-Law:

"Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within the boundaries of the Town of Northfield on the streets named as follows - Main Street, Holton Street, Parker Avenue, Highland Avenue, and Mt. Hermon Station Rd. from W.Northfield Rd. north to the Vermont line - by the owner of land abutting upon said named streets, within forty-eight (48) hours following the cessation of a snow/ice storm, by mechanical or other means."

Article 20: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $37,000.00 for the purchase of a one-ton truck with a dump body, plow, sander and related equipment for the Northfield Highway Department; trade in or dispose of a 1991 Ford 350 1-ton dump truck.

Article 21: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $60.00 for the payment of a Fire Department bill of the prior FY96 for Fire School training.

Article 22: VOTED UNAN. that the Town appropriate the sum of $200,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including

without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; said sum to be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Article 23: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for the computerization of the circulation system of the Dickinson Memorial Library; said appropriation to be matched with Library Trust funds.

Article 24: AMENDED & VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town authorize the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library expend the sum of $5,900.00 from the Northfield Nine-Town Grant fund, restricted category, for the purpose of obtaining preliminary conceptual design plans to meet the American Disability Act and other space needs of Dickinson Memorial Library.

The balance of $5,900.00 left over from the Dickinson Memorial Library Design appropriation under Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting held on November 3, 1994 to be closed out and returned to the Nine-Town Grant fund, restricted category.

Article 25: VOTED UNAN. TO TAKE NO ACTION.
(to fund designs to comply with ADA for Dickinson Library)

Article 26: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 for the preservation of "vital record books" in the Town Clerk's office.

Article 27: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 for the purchase of a replacement aerial ladder device for the Fire Department, and dispose of the defective 1973 Maxim ladder.

Article 28: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the Northfield EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) training account.

Article 29: AMENDED & VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,150.00 for the digitizing of the Assessor's Maps.

Article 30: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE TO PASS OVER.
(tie in fire detection system between PVRS & Shelburne Control)

Article 31: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $14,976.50 to obtain and site a second two-classroom modular unit at the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Article 32: VOTED 37 yes, 28 no TO TAKE NO ACTION.
(Create computer lab at PVRS)

Article 33: VOTED UNAN. that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $4,536.47 to pay the Pioneer Valley Regional School District for the Town's share of the 1991/92 Teachers' Salary Deferral.

Article 34: VOTED UNAN. TO TAKE NO ACTION.
(Planning Bd. to develop open space preservation and/or land use plans.)

Article 35: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of $136,500.00 for the Stabilization Fund/Account.

Article 36: VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION.
(Reduce Tax Levy for FY98)

Meeting dissolved at 10:40 p.m.

ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 6, 1997

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Annual Town Election was held on May 6, 1997. The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. One hundred thirty-eight voters cast ballots with the following results:

Moderator (3 years)	
Thomas R. Shearer	125
Blanks	13
Town Clerk (3 years)	
Mary C. Taferner	121
Blanks	17
Selectman (3 years)	
Richard F. Taferner	104
Mark Trumbull	1
Carolyn Parenteau	5
Blanks	28
Assessor (3 years)	
Michael Crochier	30
Ronald Wickey	99
Blanks	9
Treasurer (3 years)	
Barbara J. Brassor	127
Blanks	11
Library Trustee (3 years) Vote for 2	
Debra Dirth	105
Kathleen Nutter	89

Katherine Wolff	42
Blanks	40

Planning Board (5 years)

David Balk	120
Blanks	18

Board of Health (3 years) Vote for 2

Mark Trumbull	112
David Balk	116
Blanks	48

Sewer Commissioner (3 years)

Everett Wickline	117
Blanks	21

Recreation Commission (3 years)

David Belcher	119
Linda Balk	1
Kathy Galluzzo	1
Sue Sibilia	1
Deb Taricano	2
Blanks	152

Recreation Commission (2 years)

Dean Leonard	2
Jeff Loomis	1
Gary Sibilia	1
Joanne Newton	1
Debra Parker	1
Tom Pratt	1
Rose Johnson	1
Joe Kayan	1
Blanks	266

Recreation Commission (1 year)

David Fortier	1
Diane Simons	1
Tom Raymond	1
Wanda Llewelyn	1
Walter Nutter	2
Blanks	132

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 12, 1997

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Thomas Shearer at 7:00 p.m. Three hundred and twenty voters were in attendance and voted on the following articles:

Article 1: VOTED UNAN. that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the articles and/or any amendments.

Article 2: VOTED UNAN. (9/10 vote required) that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $290.30 for the payment of an expense incurred in a prior year to Crop Production Services, Inc. for fertilizer for the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Article 3: VOTED UNAN. (9/10 vote required) that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $65.00 for the payment of an expense incurred in a prior year to Rose Ledge Companies for towing services for the Northfield Rescue (EMT's).

Article 4: VOTED UNAN. (2/3 vote required) that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $50,000.00 to supplement the monies appropriated under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1997 for the purchase of a replacement aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department, and modification of the existing prefabricated building to allow for housing of same, and dispose of the present ladder truck.

Article 5: VOTED UNAN. that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $2,800.00 to correct Building Code violations in the Town Hall as identified by the Building Commissioner, including installing 4 exit signs and 2 emergency lights; and increasing the second floor guardrail height to 42 inches.

Article 6: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE (yes 130, no 90, hand count) that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $5,000.00 to upgrade and retrofit electrical lighting fixtures in the Town Hall to conserve energy.

Article 7: VOTED UNAN. that the Town designate an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA), the area more particularly described in the 105 Main Street Business Center, EOA application dated September 2, 1997, and shown as Parcel B3 of Assessors Map 23, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to offer Tax Increment Financing packages for qualified economic development projects undertaken within said Economic Opportunity Area.

Article 8: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $44,328.82 to enable the Town to meet its FY98 financial obligation to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District operating budget.

Article 9: VOTED BY MAJORITY VOTE that the Town transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of $5,348.75 to install a tie-in between the Pioneer Valley Regional School buildings fire detection system and the dispatch center.

Article 10: VOTED UNAN. that the Town provide the sum of $12,837.00 in free cash or equipment to purchase hardware to create one computer laboratory at the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Article 11: VOTED UNAN. that the Town endorse a gift, as accepted by the Selectboard, of hardware worth at least $12,837.00 and to be donated by Michael and Laura DiBari of Systems, Software, Support, Inc. to the Pioneer Valley Regional School District in lieu of cash to fund the Town's share of creating one computer laboratory at the school.

Article 12: VOTED (yes 242, no 88) that the Town approve the amount of the $17,275,000.00 debt authorized by vote of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District School Committee on September 25, 1997 for reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the Regional School, including costs incidental and related thereto, which vote provides that not more than $900,000.00 to be expended for architectural and other preliminary expenses, shall be borrowed thereunder until the State Department of Education has included the project on a School Building Assistance Priority List, and further, that this approval be contingent upon passage of a debt exclusion referendum scheduled for November 18, 1997 on a question to exempt from the provision of Proposition 2 1/2, the Town's apportioned share of the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes authorized in this article.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
November 18, 1997

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Six hundred and sixty-one voters cast ballots with the following result:

Question 1: Shall the town of Northfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, its apportioned share of the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued by the Pioneer Valley Regional School District in order to finance costs of reconstructing, adding to, equipping, remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Yes - 432
No - 229

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Mary C. Taferner, Town Clerk

Trustees Report of
DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This year the Trustees of the Library continued to address the handicapped accessibility and space needs problems of the Library. With the support of the Town, concept drawings for a new (down-scaled) addition to the Library were prepared. This work was carried out by J.Stewart Roberts, a Boston based architect, who specializes in library design projects. With the help and constructive comments of many concerned citizens, the resulting plans will put us in excellent position for future library grant funds from the state.

During this year, major new additions in computers and computer technology took place. These included a computer and related software for computerization of the card catalog. Data entry for this system continues to be a major staff task. In the children's room, a computer center was established (thanks to the donation of a patron of the Library). And, thanks to a generous gift from the Friends of the Library, the curtains and shades were replaced on the main floor of the Library.

The Centennial Committee continued its work this year, with major sponsored town events. These included programs by Yankee Notions and folk singers at the Unitarian Church. Both these events were supported by funds from the Northfield Cultural Council.

Much of the public service work carried out at the Library has been made possible by a growing number of volunteers. In this area, the senior outreach book delivery at Squakheag Village continues to be a popular program. We wish to thank all of our many volunteers for their time and effort.

In closing, the Trustees thank the Town for the continued support of Dickinson Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon McGowan, Chairman
Lucile Dahlman
Phyllis Derigon
Debra Dirth
Brenda Kehmeier
Kathleen Banks Nutter

RECREATION COMMISSION
Annual Report

The Northfield Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the countless number of citizens who continue to volunteer and support its programs throughout the year. Without these individuals many of the programs offered simply would not exist.

After considerable turnover, the current Commission, represented by Guy Neumann, David Belcher, Deborah Osowski, Linda Peck and Gene Leonard, has struggled over the past six months to understand the budget and financial history of the Commission, while continuing to offer quality recreational programming for the residents of Northfield. Programs offered in the past year include the Summer Playground, Youth Soccer, Family Swim at Northfield Mount Hermon, Youth Basketball, and Family Skiing at Haystack Mountain. Other programs offered under the guidance of the Commission include Karate with Sensei John Lepore, Aerobics with Deb Porlier, Dance with Silver Birch School of Dance, and Men's Basketball.

Also during the past year the Recreation Commission subsidized the purchase of a lot of new playground and gym equipment for the Northfield Elementary School. This was a gift that was deeply appreciated.

Now that we are beginning to get our feet under us, so to speak, we are looking to the future and other ways in which the Commission can serve the recreational needs of the community. It would be very helpful to hear from the community so that we can make arrangements to initiate any new programs, be they for children, adults or families.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Neumann
David Belcher
Deborah Osowski
Linda Peck
Gene Leonard

Town Report - 1997
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The close of 1997 marks my first full year as your Administrative Assisstant. "You'll do a little bit of everything," a colleague told me when I began the job. Her words have turned out to be true. In the past year I have learned the intricacies of the state's Procurement Laws and those pertaining to education funding. I have researched options for controlling beavers and helped the Selectboard refine its policies concerning problem dogs. I applied for a grant to fund a consultant to develop an overall economic develop plan that would preserve the town's rural character and one to restore the unique linear Town

Common. I wrote a legal document to allow a trust fund to be used for the benefit of all Town citizens, and attended a two-day workshop about making the community more accessible to those with disabilities.

Accomplishments for the year include moving the Town Hall into the twentieth century with the installation of an answering machine, second fax and a computer for my office. Railings on the building's second floor have been raised to the required forty-two inch height and a project to replace outdated electrical fixtures with energy efficient models will begin within the month. In other parts of town, the last municipally owned underground storage tank was removed and a fifty-percent reimbursement was received from the state. Many projects that I have tackled with the Selectboard have resulted in no clear resolution. This was most evident with the problem of controlling beaver populations in the wake of Question One, which severely restricted trapping.

Projects that I will be working on with the Selectboard and others in the coming year include upgrading Warwick Road in a way that is cost effective to the Town and least disruptive of the neighborhood, developing a plan to upgrade the Town Common, especially the sidewalks, continuing research into grants to bring the library into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as provide much needed space, working toward a solution to the space needs of the Police Department, continued Town Hall maintenance and keeping current on the latest electric supply options in the wake of electric utility restructuring. Goals for the future include increased communication with the PVRS District Committee and enhanced communication and cooperation among boards, committees and departments.

Throughout my brief tenure I have been impressed with the knowledge and professionalism of Town employees. Their expertise and dedication make them a resource to be treasured. I have been equally impressed with the volunteers who serve on the numerous boards and committees that make the Town run. At a time when many towns find it difficult to staff committees, Northfield is blessed with an abundance of talented and enthusiastic volunteers. It has been a pleasure to serve the Town this year and I thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Draves
Administrative Assistant

Report of the
NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD - 1997

The Board participated in a number of activities of significance to the town during 1997. Early in the year, members joined representatives of other Town boards to form the "E-Team", a committee that reviews applications from businesses seeking Economic Opportunity Area designation. This state-sponsored program offers existing local businesses certain tax advantages when they undertake necessary expansion or renovations, thus encouraging them to remain in town rather than relocate. The program requires job creation as well, and contributes to the overall economic health of the community. The first such EOA project to be approved was that proposed by Systems, Software, Support, Inc.

Much work and several special meetings were devoted to developing a telecommunications by-law for the town. There was concern that without such a by-law, there would be no control over placement and specifications for cellular communications towers in town. Neighboring towns have been approached and towers erected, and anticipated development up the valley would include sitings in Northfield in the foreseeable future. Research was conducted by members of the Board and by-laws from other towns studied. Public hearings were held, and the resulting By-Law, tailored to the town's needs, was passed at the Annual Town Meeting.

For a few months, the Board enjoyed the services of Faith Rockwood as clerk, but she was forced to resign in April for health reasons. David Radebaugh has ably served in the capacity of acting secretary since that time. David Balk was reappointed to be Northfield's representative to the Franklin County Regional Planning Board.

The Board registered its support of the Town Administrative Assistant's bid to obtain a state grant through the Municipal Incentive Grant program for help in developing an economic development strategy that would preserve and enhance Northfield's rural and historic character while considering ways to improve the tax base by attracting appropriate businesses. This concern also led to encouragement of a subcommittee of the Board which has been exploring with some success the possibility of locating retirement housing and an assisted living facility in Northfield.

The Board conducted housekeeping chores of cleaning up files. In addition, a table of contents was created for the Town Zoning By-Laws to facilitate location of information. An index of the the By-Laws is planned as well. In the course of the year, several properties not requiring approval were reviewed. Work has begun on review of the town's Flood Plain Zoning By-Law as requested by Town Selectmen to enable townspeople to qualify for flood insurance.

The current economic climate seems to be a very positive one and the Board is actively seeking ways in which the town can benefit. Volunteers to help with planning and recruiting of appropriate businesses to town are welcome at any time, and should contact the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Lucinda Kidder, Chair
David Balk
Bonnie L'Etoile
David Radebaugh
Gary Weiss

SEWER COMMISSION
Annual Report

The Board of Sewer Commissioners set the user rate at $249.59 per unit for the fiscal year 1997-98. The Sewer department was eligible for state money through the Sewer Rate Relief Fund and received approximately $18,281 which is based on our loan debt. This money is only used to reduce the user rate.

Some of the things we have accomplished so far this year are:

* Instituted a program of visual inspection, dye and smoke testing of the Town and N.M.H. collection system to identify source of inflow and infiltration. Based on the outcome of this, we installed 420 ft. of new sewer line in the field across from N.M.H. and installed a manhole by N.M.H.
* Installed new safety railings and catwalks at the plant.
* Installed a new processing water pump; this reduces the use of town water for adding chlorine and increased in plant water pressure.
* Removed 44 tons of grit to the Bernardston landfill that had accumulated in an aeration tank since the plant was built.
* Installed 3 sets of baffles and flow diverters in the two secondary clarifiers; this has dramatically decreased the historical hydraulic shortcircuiting.
* Constructed an enclosure over the sludge holding tank; this gives us increased storage and eliminated the freezing of this tank.
* Acquired a used generator to run the plant during power outages.

Again, the Board would like to thank the Northeast Rural Water Assoc. for all their help at the plant and also helping to locate our needed equipment.

In the previous months we've had inquiries about sewer hookups along Main Street, and we're very excited about this because it will help to keep the user rate down.

The Board would like to thank past member Sue Kaczenski for all her knowledge and help in the previous years of service to the Town. Also, the Board would like to acknowledge our Chief Operator, Jack Patch for his excellent performance again this year -- keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan A. Gray, Chairman
Gary Sibilia
Everett Wickline

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1997

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:	
Raised by taxation	$ 3,601,357.11
Education offset items	3,168.00
Veterans District Services	5,761.00
State and County charges	25,814.00
County retirement services	45,349.20
Current year overlay	30,782.41
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	**$ 3,712,231.72**
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:	
Cherry Sheet receipts	$ 486,383.00
Local estimated receipts	478,000.00
Free Cash	85,687.20
Revolving Funds	0.00
Other available funds	16,056.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	$ 1,066,126.20
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	**$ 2,646,105.52**

VALUATIONS BY CLASS	
Residential	129,259,830
Commercial	8,914,927
Industrial	8,398,500
Personal	16,766,590
Total Value	**163,339,847**

Residential class	79.1355% of levy
Commercial class	5.4579% of levy
Industrial class	5.1417% of levy
Personal property class	10.2649% of levy

The FY1997 tax rate of $16.20 was approved by the Department of Revenue on October 3, 1997. Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were mailed on October 24, 1997.

PROPERTY ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS GRANTED FISCAL YEAR 1997

#		
7	Real & personal property	$ 1,877.21
16	Elderly exemptions	7,750.00
20	Veterans exemptions	5,700.00
5	Blind exemptions	2,187.50
7	Surviving spouse & elderly	875.00
55	Total	$ 18,389.21

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1997

1997 Levy	
Number of motor vehicles	2954
Total value	$8,598,100.00
Total tax	$195,919.60
Number of abatements granted	148
Total taxes abated	$8,168.06
1996 Levy	
Number of motor vehicles	225
Total value	$1,018,677.00
Total tax	$7,566.67
Number of abatements granted	17
Total taxes abated	$531.25
1995 Levy	
Number of motor vehicles	0
Total value	0
Total tax	0
Number of abatements granted	1
Total taxes abated (Ch58,sec8)	$ 31.62

The Assessors office is continuing to strive to meet the growing needs of the citizens of Northfield. One improvement has been to increase the number of hours the office is open. The new hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. It is hoped that the increase in availability will better serve the needs of the community. There has been a continuing learning process for the Assessors and Clerk through classes at U.Mass. and many informational seminars throughout the year.

We would like to express our appreciation to all citizens and town officials for their cooperation and courtesy extended to the Board during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linwood Wallace, Chairman
Warren E. Whitney
Ronald Wickey

Carol Holden, Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

REAL ESTATE		
1997 Committed	2244105.99	
Refunds	4380.92	
Collected		2146241.14
Tax Title		9789.00
Abated		18066.19
Uncollected		74390.18
1996 Outstanding 7/1/96	82700.49	
Refunds	441.74	
Collected		63098.78
Tax Title		9688.47
Uncollected		10354.98
1995 Outstanding 7/1/96	35798.06	
Collected		29898.62
Tax Title		5833.38
Uncollected		66.06
1994 Outstanding 7/1/96	13915.21	
Collected		13915.21
1993 Outstanding 7/1/96	3821.20	
Collected		3821.20
PERSONAL PROPERTY		
1997 Committed	276226.51	
Refund	106.08	
Collected		275578.03
Abated		163.48
Uncollected		591.08
1996 Outstanding 7/1/96	578.89	
Collected		160.13
Uncollected		418.76

1995 Outstanding 7/1/96	642.88	
Collected		124.24
Uncollected		518.64
1994 Outstanding 7/1/96	141.69	
Abated		74.38
Uncollected		67.31
1993 Outstanding 7/1/96	70.98	
Abated		33.77
Uncollected		37.21
1992 Outstanding 7/1/96	35.59	
Uncollected		35.59
1991 Outstanding 7/1/96	45.26	
Uncollected		45.26
1990 Outstanding 7/1/96	40.46	
Uncollected		40.46
1989 Outstanding 7/1/96	3.82	
Uncollected		3.82
FARM ANIMAL		
1996 Committed	3737.50	
Collected		3521.50
Uncollected		216.00
1995 Outstanding 7/1/96	216.00	
Uncollected		216.00
1994 Outstanding 7/1/96	373.50	
Collected		300.00
Uncollected		73.50
FOREST PRODUCTS		
Committed	2011.68	
Collected		2011.68
CHAP.61 WITHDRAWAL		
Committed	1675.76	
Collected		1675.76
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
1997 Committed	139275.00	
Refunds	1110.28	
Collected		128887.10
Abated		4216.41
Uncollected		7281.77
1996 Outstanding 7/1/96	21837.10	
Committed	38926.68	
Refunds	1452.68	

	Collected		55666.47
	Abated		2328.85
	Uncollected		4221.14
1995	Outstanding 7/1/96	4989.08	
	Committed	1201.87	
	Collected		3445.43
	Abated		128.75
	Uncollected		2616.77
1994	Outstanding 7/1/96	1892.64	
	Collected		444.00
	Uncollected		1448.64
1993	Outstanding 7/1/96	1274.75	
	Collected		176.25
	Uncollected		1098.50
1992	Outstanding 7/1/96	788.53	
	Collected		98.65
	Uncollected		689.88
1991	Outstanding 7/1/96	822.91	
	Collected		151.25
	Uncollected		671.66
1990	Outstanding 7/1/96	1178.60	
	Committed	39.17	
	Collected		107.19
	Uncollected		1110.58
1989	Outstanding 7/1/96	1381.85	
	Collected		263.75
	Uncollected		1118.10
1988	Outstanding 7/1/96	634.17	
	Abated		629.17
	Collected		5.00
1987	Outstanding 7/1/96	203.82	
	Abated		203.82
1986	Outstanding 7/1/96	11.88	
	Abated		11.88
1985	Outstanding 7/1/96	10.82	
	Abated		10.82
BOAT EXCISE			
1996	Committed	520.00	
	Abated		15.00
	Collected		420.00
	Uncollected		85.00

1995 Outstanding 7/1/96	160.00	
Collected		85.00
Uncollected		75.00
SEWER USE		
1996 Committed	117309.66	
Refund	694.14	
Collected		112711.48
Abated		2516.25
Uncollected		2776.07
1995 Outstanding 7/1/96	4826.12	
Committed Interest	321.20	
Collected		4624.18
Uncollected		523.14
1994 Outstanding 7/1/96	2831.27	
Collected		2831.27
1993 Outstanding 7/1/96	1735.63	
Collected		1735.63
1992 Outstanding 7/1/96	1402.20	
Collected		1402.20

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara J. Brassor, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT
7/1/96 - 6/30/97

GENERAL ACCOUNT

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Balance per statement 6/30/97	694842.79	
Deposits in transit	11949.43	
Outstanding Checks	21493.66	
Balance per checkbook		685298.56
GENERAL INVESTMENT		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	8773.52	
State Street Bank & Trust	237468.98	
INTEREST EARNED-GENERAL		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust	451.08	
BayBank	1070.62	
State Street Bank & Trust	4477.52	
Greenfield Co-operative	19640.14	

EOCD REHAB. PROGRAM		
Balance 7/1/96	164301.49	
Receipts	22212.16	
Interest Earned	8750.73	
Payments per warrant	2641.06	
Balance 6/30/97		192623.32
EOCD INVESTMENT		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		192623.32
STABILIZATION FUND		
Balance 7/1/96	89932.65	
Interest Earned	4874.23	
Balance 6/30/97		94806.88
STABILIZATION INVESTMENT		
Mass. Muni. Depos. Trust		94806.88
ARTS COUNCIL		
Balance 7/1/96	4280.05	
Receipts	3150.00	
Interest Earned	77.92	
Payments per warrant	3059.63	
Balance 6/30/97		4448.34
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		4448.34
AERIAL LADDER		
Balance 7/1/96	5805.83	
Interest Earned	131.98	
Balance 6/30/97		5937.81
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		5937.81
DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING FUND		
Balance 7/1/96	106.67	
Interest Earned	1.07	
Balance 6/30/97		107.74
GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK		
Bankbook balance		107.74
TECHNICAL FEE ACCOUNT		
Balance 7/1/96	854.02	
Interest	19.42	

Balance 6/30/97		873.44

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Bankbook balance		873.44

RECREATION COMMISSION

Balance 7/1/96	12621.09	
Receipts	25792.50	
Interest Earned	103.37	
Payment per warrant	30017.88	
Balance 6/30/97		8499.08

GREENFIELD CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Balance per statement	8499.08	
Balance per checkbook		8499.08

TRUST FUNDS LIBRARY	Balance 7/1/96	Interest Added	Int.to Treas.	Depos.	With-Drawal	Balance 6/30/97
C.Ina Merriman	1631.15	63.47			279.48	1415.14
Belcher Funds	1175.10	509.47				1684.57
Chas.Dickinson	3417.28	140.42				3557.70
Maude Montague	2427.63	105.01				2532.64
Marina Stanley	650.15	28.13				678.28
Richard G.Holton	619.03	26.76				645.79
Nfld.Chap.DAR	123.97	5.36				129.33
Ethel Jackson	968.87	41.91				1010.78
Paul Bowman	79963.82	3753.33			4854.46	78862.69
Giles Mem.Fund	2209.00	23.43				2332.43
McGowan Mem.Fund	7337.50	78.16		95.00		7510.66
CHARITY						
Starkweather	36419.56	1575.71				37995.27
George Morgan	13961.75	604.07				14565.82
ElishaAlexander	11201.27	484.63				11685.90
Lottie Evans	6357.34	275.05				6632.39
Roselle Evans	2567.24	111.07				2678.31
SCHOOL						
Belcher Center	2530.14	109.46				2639.60
Surplus Rev.Fund	2003.41	86.65				2090.06
PRESERVATION HISTORICAL MARKERS						
Willis Parker	1445.35	62.52				1507.90
BEAUTIFY MAIN STREET						
Ethel Jackson	1503.70	65.05				1568.75
MARTHA ALEXANDER FUND						
Gfld.Savings	40507.83	2105.16				42612.99
Gfld.Co-op	1983.39	27.31		1506.53	1500.00	2017.23
Gfld.Co-op.	25811.29		1506.53	1500.00		27311.29

CEMETERIES						
Center Cem.	36400.38	1563.44			1112.00	36851.82
West Nfld.Cem.	18972.83	794.40	SHIPPA	250.00	2248.00	17769.23
Pentecost Cem.	1689.35	89.88	MCGOWAN	500.00		2279.23
Nfld.Farms Cem.	12090.85	523.12				12613.97
Mt.Hermon Cem.	8721.69	377.35				9099.04
So.Mtn.Cem.	121.29	5.25				126.54
TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE						
BayBank	688.27	29.79				718.06

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Brassor, Treasurer

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am pleased and honored to present this, my fifth report, to the Town of Northfield as Chief of Police.

During 1997 I applied for and received the following grants:

Mass. D.A.R.E.	$ 8,000.00
Mass. Community Policing	42,125.00
COPS MORE	9,125.00
Total	$59,250.00

With the funds these grants provide our department, we are able to provide DARE classes for the K through 6th grade students at N.E.S., supplement the After School and other extracurricular programs, have a full-time officer involved in the TRIAD and DARE programs, expand our bike patrols, continue computer/secretarial support, purchase DARE supplies, update our equipment with new radios and cellular phones, and increase officer presence in the community.

During the month of August, a fundraising drive was conducted for the benefit of the Northfield/Gill Police Associations. Numerous businesses and individuals contributed towards this fund. In conjunction with the TRIAD program, enough contributions were also collected to purchase 18 benches which were placed in various locations on Main Street. Thank you to all who contributed to either of these efforts.

In reviewing our statistics for 1997, Northfield residents should note that there was a significant increase in Breaking & Enterings, Larcenies, and Motor Vehicle Thefts. Most of these crimes are being committed by subjects involved in drugs and coming into Franklin County from larger communities to our south. Therefore, it is crucial that all residents secure their homes and vehicles.

CRIME STATISTICS 1996/97

SERVICE CALLS:	1996	1997
Alarms	89	84
Animals	94	72
Assist Fire Dept.	50	44
Assist Medical	104	97
Assist Other P.D.	134	126
Assist Persons	70	66
F.I.D. Cards	22	20
Found Property	29	19
Pistol Permits	27	38
Respond PVRS	30	36
Respond NMHS	27	48
House Checks	85	75
General Service	439	461
911 Hang Ups	30	62
TOTAL:	1230	1248

MOTOR VEHICLES:	1996	1997
M/V Accidents	68	81
M/V Disabled	90	82
M/V Fatal	0	1
M/V Leaving Scene	5	10
M/V Citations	800	636
M/V Warnings	932	801
M/V Neg. Oper.	16	35
M/V Suspicious	43	45
M/V Recov.Stolen	1	2
M/V Stolen	2	8
M/V Towed	68	85
M/V Complaints	67	35
TOTAL:	2092	1821

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS:		
Annoying Calls	19	14
Arson	2	1
Attempted Rape	0	1
Assault & Battery	17	18
Breaking/Entering	7	26
DISTURBANCES:		
a) Domestic	45	18
b) Neighbor	9	12
c) Disord.Person	7	3
d) Noise	19	11
e) Juvenile	28	18
LARCENY:		
a) Property	43	64
b) Bad Checks	9	8
Missing Persons	13	12
Rape	0	0
Sexual Assaults	2	3
Suspicious Persons	40	49
Vandalism	32	31
Weapons/Shots Fired	6	7
Miscellaneous	89	128
Attempted B&E	n/a	2
Robbery	0	1
Suicide	1	1
TOTAL	388	428

DEPARTMENT ARRESTS:		
a) Adult	128	132
b) Juvenile	16	23
TYPE OF ARREST:		
Assault & Battery	12	3
A&B Police Officer	0	0
A&B Dang.Weapon	1	3
Breaking/Entering	4	4
CHINS Warrant	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	1
OUI	19	23
Larcenies	2	12
Property Damage	3	0
Poss. of Drugs	19	20
Protective Custody	8	1
Rape/Attempt.Rape	0	1
Sexual Assaults	0	0
Rec'g.Stolen Prop.	0	1
Susp/Revoked License	34	30
Trespassing	1	10
Restraining Orders	4	2
Warrants	14	20
Weapons Violations	1	0
Other Arrests	20	23

MONEY TURNED INTO THE TOWN FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:	
From Fines	$ 28,360.00
Pistol Permits	740.00
F.I.D. Cards	40.00
Insurance Reports	230.00
Admin.Fees	826.55
TOTAL TO TOWN:	$ 30,196.55

COURT:		
Court Hours	314	299
D.A. Office	3	7
Investigations	21	32
Magistr.Hearings	232	254
Restraining Orders	59	33
Summonses	67	80

On behalf of the Northfield Police Department, we appreciate the opportunity to care for and protect the townspeople of Northfield and look forward to another successful year. Thank you for allowing me to serve the residents of Northfield as Chief of Police. Remember, if you need the police, contact Shelburne Control at **625-8200** or **911** in an emergency situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sibilia, Police Chief
Northfield Police Department

NORTHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Northfield Fire Department responded to a total of 127 emergency calls last year. The calls are as follows:

Structure Fires		5
Chimney Fire		9
Vehicle Fires		3
Vehicle Accidents		10
Fire Alarms		25
NMH	16	
Other	9	
Malicious False Alarms		3
Carbon Monoxide Alarms		4
Propane Gas Leaks		2
Brush Fires		5
Illegal Burning		2
Lightning Strikes		5
Appliance Fires (Ovens,Dryers,Etc)		6
Power Lines Down		7
Electrical Fires		5
Smoke Investigations		2
Water Rescues		2
Mutual Aid Given		24
Rec'd	6	
Oil Burner Malfunctions		2
Chlorine Tank Changes		2
Assist EMT's (Lifelight)		1
Miscellaneous Calls		3
		127

The Northfield Fire Department has had another busy year responding to various types of fires, hazardous materials incidents, rescues and emergencies. We still provide protection on a volunteer/call basis. That means the members are only paid for emergency responses and even then, many times the members will put down "no charge" for the call! All the meetings, trainings, weekly equipment and station maintenance time is all volunteered. I want to thank the members for their continued

commitment to our community, and their employers for letting them take time from work to help protect Northfield and its citizens.

The Fire Department has been working hard trying to locate a replacement aerial ladder truck. After an extensive search, a ladder truck was located that fit our needs and our budget. An aerial ladder truck was found from an affluent volunteer fire department on Long Island in Selden, N.Y. We traveled to Selden, N.Y. to view the equipment. We negotiated a purchase agreement and arranged for estimates to have the ladder refurbished by the manufacturer. After a favorable report by the committee, the Selectmen authorized the ladder truck purchase. We delivered it back to Ladder Towers, Inc. in Effrata, Pa. I am pleased to announce that after refurbishing, certification and a new coat of paint, the Town of Northfield will again be protected by a ladder truck. It is a Young/Hendrickson 100-ft. LTI aerial ladder truck. The cost was within the $100,000 budget ($75,000 from NMH, $25,000 from taxation). In expectation of delivery of the truck, the members have been busy fixing up the metal building behind the fire station where the original ladder truck was housed. The building is now insulated and heated because the new ladder truck has a 1,250 GPM fire pump and a pre-piped waterway on it. All the labor to do the above work was donated by the members.

The old Maxim ladder truck was sold by sealed bid by the Town for $1,251.00.

In station maintenance I am requesting an article on the Town Meeting warrant to repair the cupola and woodwork on the outside of the fire station and painting of the same. The Fire Department is busy keeping up with all the requirements of protecting the community. We have done some touch-up painting, but it is now time for a total repair.

I would like to thank the members for their outstanding work, the officers for their assistance in helping me with inspections, permits and the running of the Department. I also want to thank all other departments, boards and committees that I have worked with during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

F.M. "Skip" Dunnell, III
Fire Chief

NORTHFIELD RESCUE

If asked what word would sum up Northfield Rescue, I would have to say "Dedicated"! The Town of Northfield has 12 EMT's at

their service morning, noon and night to see to their medical needs until the ambulance arrives.

The group has managed to increase the level of training to include: 2 Paramedics, an Intermediate, 2 EMT's that are working on upgrading to Intermediate and 1 EMT upgrading to Paramedic, all in the year 1998. We are at this time bringing possibly 3 more basic EMT's on to assure round the clock coverage of Northfield. They will add to the great group of Basic 5 EMT's and 2 First Responders.

When you call for an ambulance in the Town of Northfield you receive highly trained professionals that can deliver life saving procedures to include intravenous therapy and endotrachael intubation done in appropriate situations for the arriving Paramedic Ambulance from BHS Ambulance who provides service to the Town of Northfield. A large amount of our EMT's are CPR instructor trained to provide area citizens and organizations in town access to trainings. We have also sponsored First Responder classes to area police and fire personnel. These classes offer First Aid, CPR and oxygen administration. All of the EMT's and First Responders on Northfield Rescue are required to be "EPI" pen trained, a skill used in the event of an allergic reaction. The EMT's are required to have defibrillator training used in cardiac arrest situations and also are required to refresh skills every year and maintain certifications and also participate in training new members.

As you can see, the Town of Northfield is very lucky to have a group of professional EMT's and First Responders to serve them. As the new Director of Northfield Rescue I'm looking forward to a great year and the opportunity to be part of a great team of people.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fleury, Director, Northfield Rescue

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Along with regular grading and graveling and culvert replacements, roads were swept, catch basins cleaned, and roadside mowing was done.

Chapter 90 work: Birnam Rd., Pierson Rd., Hamilton Drive and Ashuelot Rd. were prepared and paved with a coarse type I blacktop. Drainage was installed and 9,000 feet of Mt.Hermon Station Road was paved from the Gill town line to Caldwell Road.

Three miles of town roads were oiled and stoned.

Winter time, between snow and ice control, and water run-off control, brush was cut. Thanks to the men of the department for their help and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Gibson
Supt. of Streets

CEMETERIES REPORT

Along with regular maintenance, mowing, trimming and seeding, the Northfield Farms Cemetery fence was repaired and painted by volunteer students from Pioneer Valley Regional School. The driveway was extended and blacktopped. More burial plots were laid out in the "Farms" Cemetery.

West Northfield and Center Cemetery roadways were cleaned and repaired. I would like to thank Richard and Roger Bassett and Charles Hewitt for their help and for their working to keep the cemeteries looking good.

Lots purchased in 1997:

West Northfield Cemetery

Robert and Sadie Shippa	Lots #125 and 126

Pentecost Cemetery

Shirley Smith	Lot #46
George and Cheryl Minckler	Lots #44 and 45

Northfield Farms Cemetery

Ronald Reid	Lot #200

David R. Gibson
Cemetery Commissioner

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

In the past year 26 trees were removed. Most of these trees were either dead or had too much dead wood to save them and were splitting up their trunks.

Thirty-six more trees were damaged by ice and snowstorms of December, 1996. Some were bent and would not straighten up; some broke off and left only stubs.

I would like to thank the men of the department for their help and cooperation. Also, thanks to the townspeople for reporting problem trees.

David R. Gibson
Tree Warden

DOG OFFICERS' REPORT

Dog Officers' report for May, 1997 through December, 1997 is as follows:

Dogs destroyed: 0
Loose dogs taken to kennel or returned to owner: 8
Dogs reported missing: 3
Dogs placed in new homes: 3
Dogs killed by cars: 1
Nuisance dogs: 32

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Severance and Kevin Gray
Dog Officers

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

The value of work done in 1997 remained steady and nearly identical to 1996 with a total of $2,354,808. Permit fees taken in were $13,291. There were 10 new homes built; one less than in 1996. Added to this was the Linden Hill School's new gymnasium and the modular classroom at Pioneer Valley Regional School. The remaining work consisted primarily of alterations, renovations, roofing and sheds.

It is my pleasure to continue serving you as Building Commissioner as I strive to conduct myself and this office in a professional and courteous manner.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hawkins
Building Commissioner

Report of
Franklin County Cooperative Inspector Program
WIRING INSPECTOR

The following report is for FY97 and reflects wiring permits and fee activity for all members towns. A review of the number

of permits and fees collected for FY97 shows a total of $40,603.00.

Permit fee receipts from Towns:

Town	Reinspection Fees	Permits	Amount
Ashfield	25.00	65	2,905
Bernardston	0.00	60	3,497
Buckland	25.00	39	5,415
Charlemont	0.00	37	1,770
Conway	25.00	36	1,905
Erving	0.00	32	2,000
Gill	0.00	0	0
Hawley	0.00	15	830
Heath	0.00	28	1,415
Leverett	50.00	75	4,090
Leyden	0.00	0	0
Monroe	0.00	3	225
Northfield	0.00	61	5,302
Shelburne	0.00	45	3,710
Shutesbury	0.00	0	0
Warwick	0.00	27	1,355
Wendell	0.00	29	1,410
Whately	25.00	55	4,624
TOTAL	$ 150.00	607	$ 40,453

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Edward F. Marchefka
Electrical Inspector

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1997

Revolving Fund Report-

We took in $1,393.85 in fine monies for the revolving fund in 1997. We spent $798.90 for a printer, to upgrade a computer, a sound card and head phones, ink cartridges, back-up cartridges and disks, surge protectors, paper and a printer. In December we got a computer (a gift) for the children's room (no internet connection). We will be purchasing CD-Roms to increase childrens' skills in math, reading and science. We will continue to upgrade current work stations. The December 1997 balance in the fund was $1,241.45.

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Early in 1997 the Library was awarded a Health Mini-Grant funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title 1 funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding. With that funding we

were able to buy some 12 CD-Roms, 18 videos, 3 newsletters and more than 80 books related to the health field for both the adult and children's collections. We had three programs including a Health Fair at the Elementary School. I would like to thank Margaret Craig, Melissa Morgan-Oakes, and JoAnn Pullen for their help and encouragement.

Chris Grant, a PVRS student, volunteered 3 months of Saturdays to unlocking the mysteries of the computer and the internet. He proved that teenagers can and do relate to, and care about the community, including its senior citizens. Meg Livingstone again ran a fun-filled summer reading program. In October, Judy Clark volunteered to activate the pre-school story hour, with much success.

Any good organization is a sum of all its parts - and this good organization includes all of its volunteers, the staff, Trustees and all the patrons with their support and input.

Statistics

Circulation:	Adult	23,457	Attendance:	Adult	6,920
	Juvenile	12,140		Juvenile	4,390
	Total	35,597		Total	11,310
New People:	Adult	113	Interlibrary Loan:	from	399
	Juvenile	52		to	44
	Total	165			

Volunteers - 19
Volunteer hours - 500 hours

Squakeag Village - 6 deposits
- 510 books
Home Deliveries - 7 homes
- 500 books

To Town for FAX, lost books, damaged tapes - $422.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mennard, Librarian

Annual Report of
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; BUILDING CODE AND PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board acted on many special permits and granted the following:

1) Retail space for retail sales.
2) Skin care business.
3) Extention of permit for temporary office trailer
4) Dog obedience school.
5) Truck maintenance and repair company - (This permit is

under litigation by an abutter in an attempt to overturn the decision.)

Two variances were also granted:
1) Change of property line between 2 lots to even out the sizes.
2) Bridge approved for use as common drive.

An application for retail produce/farm stand was withdrawn before a decision could be made.

The Board wishes to thank Mr. Corys Heselton for his time and energy spent on the Board. We appreciate his committment and input. Mr. William Forrest has been appointed to fill the vacancy of alternate member left by Mr. Heselton's resignation. We wish to welcome him to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward D. Shearer, Chair
Raymond E. Clark
Joanne McGee
Stanley Gaida
Robert G. Barnes
Corys Heselton, Assoc.Member
Thomas J. Russell, " "
Marguerite Lentz

NORTHFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL
1997 Annual Report

Each year the Northfield Cultural Council, part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), provides a means for stimulating the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in our community. The Council is responsible for allocating resources received from the MCC to applicants, using the following criteria in evaluating grant proposals:

* Benefit to the community as a whole
* Access
* Educational opportunities
* Diversity in the arts

Along with criteria defined by the MCC, other specific points considered by this Council include the quality and completeness of the project description; previous accomplishments of the applicant or group; demonstrated financial need; and the potential interest of the community in the project.

MCC Grant Applications, made available in September, are distributed to local libraries, schools and Town Halls. Local Cultural Councils receive these applications by a mid-October deadline and meet to review the applications and make recommendations to the MCC for that year's funding.

As of November 1, 1997, the Northfield Cultural Council's account held $2,252.56. Subtracting outstanding grants in the

amount of $1,900.00, the "real" balance would be $352.56. The amount of $3,150.00 will be coming from the state for this year's Council's funding for an available total of $3,502.56.

At its meeting November 5, 1997, the Council reviewed a total of 22 MCC Grant Applications and voted to approve the following 10 projects for 1998:

1.	Northfield Elementary School/Amandla Concert	$600.00
2.	Northfield Elementary School/Shea Theater (Pass)	232.00
3.	Northfield Elementary School/Pioneer Valley Symphony School Program	255.00
4.	Shea Theater/Performance for Young People	150.00
5.	Rona Leventhal/Mysteries, Puzzles ...	350.00
6.	Mohawk Trail Concerts	300.00
7.	John Root/Senior Citizen Concert	300.00
8.	Yankee Notions/New England Folk Music	500.00
9.	Karen Glickman/Deaf Awareness	365.00
10.	Bravo Enterprises/Arts newspaper	170.00
	TOTAL	**$ 3,222.00**

Performers who received approval will be asked to notify the Council of when their performance will take place. This request will be made in the first round of approval letters.

Periodically, the Northfield Cultural Council holds a community meeting in order to gather input toward our goals, to gauge the success of funded programs, and to provide program information to prospective applicants. The meeting is advertised in local newspapers and postings throughout town.

Members of the Northfield Cultural Council are appointed by the Selectboard, and up to 22 members may serve at one time. Although the community input meeting also provides a good opportunity for new and prospective Council members to discover what we're about, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Council's members, or the Selectboard, if you are interested in serving on the Council.

At the end of 1997, the Council bid reluctant and fond good-byes to two of its members: Vera Cooley, who has served the maximum two consecutive three-year terms; and Lisa White, who has provided dedicated leadership to her fellow members, and service to the town in her capacity as Chairperson of the Northfield Cultural Council. Thank, Vera and Lisa!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Sisson, Chairperson
Lisa White
Vera Cooley
Shauna Tillson-Griffin
John Nelson
Christine Harris
Anne Harlow
Sharon Miller
Judy Clark

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1997 Annual Report

The mission of the Northfield Historical Commission is historic preservation and community education regarding our Town's heritage. This year the Commission carried out two major projects: 1) the hundredth anniversary commemoration of the Tri-State Boundary Marker near the spot where Northfield, Massachusetts; Vernon, Vermont; and Hinsdale, New Hampshire, come together, and 2) submission of a Historic Landscape Preservation grant proposal to the Massachusetts Office of Environmental Affairs, Department of Environmental Management, for restoration of the Town Common. The grant was not funded, unfortunately, but the Boundary Marker commemoration was quite successful. On a sunny May 18 bands played, crowds gathered, people marched, speeches were delivered, all in a spirit of cooperation. Planning for the commemoration was initiated by the Vernon Historians group and joined by the Lions Club of Hinsdale as well as the Historical Commission. The Commission wishes to thank the many individuals and organizations in Northfield who contributed their energies to both the grant proposal and the Boundary Marker commemoration.

Other activities of the Commission during 1997 included making a contribution to the "Know Your Neighborhood" exhibit at the Northfield Historical Museum during the summer and continuing discussion regarding the application for listing the Northfield campus of the Northfield Mount Hermon School in the National Register of Historic Places and also regarding the future of the Historical Museum. Planning began for a spring 1998 "Day of History" in collaboration with the Northfield Historical Society and the Northfield Mount Hermon School on the subject of the life and work of D.L.Moody. The School's Moody Birthplace Museum and the Northfield Historical Museum will mount a joint exhibition and host visitors on May 16, 1998.

Members of the Northfield Historical Commission for 1997 included:

Alice Fortier	Jean Kozlowski
Rosa Johnston	Katy Wolff
Homer Stavely,Ch.	Pat Russell (Leave of absence)

NORTHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

The Northfield Council on Aging and meal site was established on April 27, 1973. We have a busy center with programs from the District Attorney's office, lawyers keeping us aware of Medicare changes and estate planning. Other programs of interest have been duties and experiences of Environmental Police (game warden), Patagorski Foundation from New York presenting concerts, Intergenerational programs with the elementary students, and chorus with the band from Pioneer Valley Regional High School. New health maintenance organizations as Harvard Pilgrim First Seniority and Blue Cross Care 65 have presented their plans and the benefit to the seniors for joining.

Blood Pressure clinics are held once a month and a foot clinic every 6 weeks with either the visiting nurse or podiatrist attending. A flu clinic every autumn for any town resident is available. This year I hope to have a health fair on the day of the flu shots so that more residents could be involved. Brown Bag (surplus government food), AARP with tax consultant, helping to fill out forms for residents, and Tai Chi are some of the programs that are presented at the Senior Center. Trips to great places are organized by a volunteer.

We have pot luck dinners, picnics, entertainers, and flower workshops. A tag and food sale is on-going. Yearly, the seniors attend church as a group; we rotate between the churches in Bernardston and Northfield.

A nutrition site is at the Senior Center serving food to 2,530 Northfield seniors and their guests, with food being delivered to 8,065 shut-in's in both towns. This service is of great value, helping seniors remain in their homes and the sociability that the center offers.__ Martha Jane Shaw is nutrition site manager.

A van is available to transport seniors to the Center, doctor appointments, hair, food, shopping, etc. An advance call to either Center is necessary to insure available space.

I am still on the board dealing with legislative issues of Massachusetts Council on Aging, also a board member for Western Mass. C.O.A. These meetings keep me up on what is new in the system on statewide and local issues.

I thank the residents and Selectboard for their support to the Senior Center.

The Center is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - Tel: 498-2186. Bernardston is open on Wednesday and Friday - Tel:

648-9616. You are all welcome; please call in advance for a meal reservation, or just come in for a program that interests you.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Balzarini, Director

Chairman, Mary Jane Porter
Secretary, Helen U. Greene
Treasurer, Raymond Parenteau
Eileen Gorzocoski
Ruth Dale
Gerald Tessier
Mary Ann Wozniak

Report of the
NORTHFIELD CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Northfield Cable Television Advisory Committee (CTAC) continues to oversee operation of Northfield Community Television (NCT), Channel 15 on the local cable system, as well as follow the implementation of cable TV deregulation locally.

NCT has continued to expand its coverage despite some shrinkage in available time by volunteers. Others have pitched in and expanded coverage to include PVRS District meetings and School Building Committee meetings. New volunteers are always needed and welcome, with training provided. The station's first regular public access program, Town Topics with Bill McGee, has gotten off to a rousing start.

The NCT volunteers include:

Judy Radebaugh, Station Mgr.
Ron Wickey, Asst.Program Coord.
Donald Lippack
Bonnie L'Etoile
Andrea Dale
Eileen Dowd,Program Coord.
Tim Hay
Brian Brault
Eugene L'Etoile
Neil Katz

The CTAC is also examining the framework within which the town should prepare for upcoming contract negotiations with MediaOne, the current provider of local cable TV services. While the opening of negotiations is still several months away, we need to decide the structure of the negotiating team and the parameters of the process in a now deregulated environment.

Members of the CTAC include:

Brian Brault, Chair
Eileen Down
Judy Radebaugh, Vice-Chair
Brenda Kehmeier

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Brault, Chair

NORTHFIELD EOA and PROJECT REVIEW TEAM

First, I want to thank the members of the Northfield Economic Opportunity Area and Project Review Team ("E-Team") for their dedication, conscientious efforts and true teamwork during this past year. Thanks to Andrea Dale, J.Lucinda Kidder(Secretary), Eugene L'Etoile, Joanne McGee(Vice-Chair), David Radebaugh, Edward Shearer, Richard Taferner, Warren Whitney, and Linwood Wallace ('98). I would also like to thank Dianne E. Salls, Director of Municipal Services, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, for her support and advice (and answers to what may have at times seemed like unending questions). Thanks also to the Selectboard for their support throughout our proceedings, the various town boards, committees and staff members who aided us in our reviews, and the voters for their approval at Town Meeting of the 105 Main Street Business Center Economic Opportunity Area application.

Northfield is participating in the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program, a program inaugurated by the state Legislature by enactment of Chapter 19 of the Acts of 1993, because it strongly supports increased economic development to promote and develop a healthy economy and stronger tax base for Northfield.

To achieve these goals, the E-Team was charged with developing guidelines for projects seeking certification under the program, reviewing requests from the community for areas to be considered for EOA designation, reviewing projects seeking certification, and making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and at Town Meeting.

The E-Team also developed a "Fact Sheet" with general information about the program, guidelines on the application process and a timetable for potential applicants interested in finding out more about the program.

During this past year, the E-Team met with several owners of local businesses who expressed an interest in the program and, at present, will be presenting its recommendations on one project application and one economic opportunity area designation to the Selectboard and to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne W. Havens, Chair, E-Team

Annual Report of the FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the Fiscal Year 1997/98 were $181,087.09

which were allocated to three specific areas: Education,, Health and Agriculture.

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 267 applications for education scholarships and approved 227 students to receive $149,700. This amount included the two $1,000 Wells Scholarships in Honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive a scholarship aid.

HEALTH: Three (3) health programs were approved. The following received funds totaling $23,000:

Health Links	$4,000.00
Hospice of Franklin County	9,500.00
NELCWIT	9,500.00

AGRICULTURE: An amount of $8,387.09 was allowed by the Board of Trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agriculture Society	$5,087.09
Heath Agricultural Fair	3,000.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	300.00

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore G. Penick, Trustee

Report of
Central Franklin County District
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

This past year has been a very busy and exciting year. With the new office located at 190 Millers Falls Road, many veterans have been stopping in to visit or to leave copies of their DD 214 on file and to see what is available to them for benefits.

The Central Franklin County Veterans District has increased by four new towns. The towns of Orange, New Salem, Warwick and Wendell have joined this District effective July 1, 1997, and we also have a part-time Administrator-Coordinator, Glennice Berry, who was with the Eastern Veterans District Office for many years.

The Mass. Veterans Agents Association has been working very hard this past year, and we have a number of new legislations passed.

1. Effective July 1, 1997 all Clause 22 abatements have been increased $75.00.
2. Gold Star Parents now receive $1,500 per year for a son

or daughter killed in action, or disease or injury caused by the effect of war, effective July 1, 1998.

3. All military incomes from military pensions are now exempt from Mass. State income taxes, effective January 1, 1997.

Many of these benefits have not seen an increase in over thirty (30) years. So, as you can see, the Mass. Veterans Agents Association has had a very busy past year working with our legislature in trying to get many of these bills passed. Many of these bills would not have passed without the help of Senator Stanley Rosenberg, Senator Stephen Brewer, Representative Stephen Kulik and Representative John Merrigan.

There are plans being made for the Northampton VA Medical Center and the Community Health Center, located at the Farren Care Center to combine services to provide a location where veterans and families can receive clinical care or be examined for referral elsewhere. Mr. James Como and Mr. George Ponte from the VA Medical Center and Ms. Sarah Kemble, M.D., Medical Director for the Franklin County Community Health Center, have worked very hard to make this happen and we owe them a great deal of thanks. If we can be of any service, please visit or call my office at 1-413-863-3205.

Leo J. Parent, Jr.
Director/Veterans Services

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ANNUAL REPORT

It has been less than a year since Franklin County government was abolished. Our 26 towns of the county voted at their town meetings to form the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). A lot has changed and a lot has been accomplished since then.

First of all, the jail, the Courthouse and the Registry of Deeds have been smoothly transferred to the Commonwealth, ending local property tax financing of these functions. Previously, towns never had any choice or control about funding the three old parts of county government. Funding them took money away from much needed municipal services.

Now member towns have control over the services the FRCOG creates. The Council of Governments integrates regional and local planning. Our communities benefit from regional cooperation while maximizing local control. The balance between regional cooperation and local control is reflected in our finance structure.

Roughly one-third of our services budget comes from the "core assessment" to member towns based on a ninety percent

property valuation and ten percent population-weighted formula. This supports regional planning, economic development and municipal advocacy initiatives which benefit all members and whose costs are difficult to allocate to a specific town. This core also provides the base from which another third of our revenues are secured: state, federal and foundation grants. These fund transportation planning to prioritize federal and state funding of local road projects, water resource protection projects and local and regional master planning efforts; school-to-work, teen coalition and tobacco-use prevention programs; and community health initiatives.

The final third of our funding comes from our fee-for-service programs in Engineering, Health Inspection, Resource Development and Procurement. The FRCOG has essentially started four new businesses in the last year, all of which are on a pay-as-you-go basis. Only the towns that want the service pay for it. Two years ago our Engineering Program cost $60,000 out of the county assessment, every town paid a share of that cost whether or not they used the service. Now the program has a budget of $211,000 and all of it is fee-based. The engineering product maintains a low overhead cost with no profit built in. Towns save money. Our Procurement Program not only gives towns a bigger bang for the buck by accessing goods and services through a large cooperative bid, but saves towns time and money climbing up the learning curve in product knowledge and purchasing relations. Our Resource Development Program provides member towns with professional grant development expertise for their special projects. Finally, our Health Inspection program provides, as all of our programs do, technical services which large towns use to get the additional service they need without the committment of additional staff or the cost of private consultants. Small towns use the service to lessen the burden of volunteer boards struggling to keep up with service mandates and public demands for product with little appropriation.

Our goal for the next year is to further develop the fee programs, begin a market assessment to sharpen our pricing and to identify other products we should begin developing. We will complete the organizational tasks of adopting operating bylaws, a new personnel code, the development of a replacement facility for all FRCOG programs to be housed, and to take up the considerable advocacy challenges we face as a region in electricity purchasing, education costs control and coordinated economic development and natural resource planning.

Jay DiPucchio, Executive Director

Report of the
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

The Alternative Education Study Committee was created by vote of the townspeople at the Annual Town Meeting last spring. Our charge was to look into alternatives to the Pioneer School District, should the Town vote to leave the district. Some alternatives we looked into include: tuitioning all students, School Choice, Charter Schools (Horace Mann and Commonwealth), Magnet Schools, "Northfield High School," and an alternative school district. We looked at three aspects of each of these areas: educational, financial, and social impacts. Generally, we found that each option had its good and bad points. At the time of the vote regarding the building project at Pioneer Valley Regional High School, the committee was looking into the transition issues and costs of each one of the areas. After the building project passed, the committee convened on January 14, 1998 and voted to dissolve based on the projected inability for the Town of Northfield to "buy out" of the school district.

Anyone interest in the specifics of each area the Alternative Education Study Committee looked into, feel free to call any committee member.

As the chairperson of this committee, I wish to thank the members for their many hours of research into each of our target areas. A thank you also goes out to the Superintendent of Schools and his office staff for their generous help in providing information as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula H. Brault, Chairperson
Ronald Reid
David Quinn
Natalie Noble (Resigned)
Kathleen Nutter
Bruce Jones

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
1997 Annual Report

We are pleased to submit the annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As submitted in previous reports, we will briefly outline those significant events that have transpired during the past year.

The October 1, 1997 enrollment by District and Non-District towns was as follows:

		District Towns			
Bernardston	14	Buckland	13	Colrain	26
Conway	8	Deerfield	21	Erving	8
Gill	3	Greenfield	136	Heath	4
Leyden	6	Montague	56	New Salem	7

Northfield	12	Orange	78	Shelburne	11
Sunderland	9	Warwick	8	Wendell	11
Whately	9				

Non-District

Amherst	3	Ashfield	7	Charlemont	8
Hadley	1	Plainfield	2	Rowe	2
Shutesbury	2				

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to expand and be an effective vehicle for job replacement of our students. As of June 1997, our Senior placement record was follows:

Students Available for Placement	79
Entered Work Force	48
Entered Military	5
Entered College	19
Overall Placement Rate	91%

As in past years, a number of our shops were involved with community service projects. There has been continued work on the airport project in Turners Falls. The school has entered into a two-year project building housing for the Beacon Programs of Franklin Medical Center. Work has been completed on the handicapped ramp for Powers Institute in Bernardston; and we have commenced a computer database project for the Town of Orange Fire Department.

In conclusion, we would like to express our gratitude to the entire educational community of Franklin County Technical School and to all the residents of the County for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Fournier
School Committee Chairman

Annual Report of the
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
1997

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NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Marie Bassett	Ellen Edson
Kris Bowser, Co-Chair	Tom King
Judy Clark	Anne Nadolski

Judy Radebaugh

PRINCIPAL

Dana R. Parker
M.Ed.Counseling Program-University of Mass. at Amherst
B.A.Psychology-University of Mass. at Amherst

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Carl Perkins, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Pollyanna B. Davis, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Open - Aug. 27, 1997	School Close - Nov. 26, 1997
School Open - Dec. 1, 1997	School Close - Dec. 24, 1997
School Open - Jan. 5, 1998	School Close - Feb. 16, 1998
School Open - Feb. 23, 1998	School Close - April 20, 1998
School Open - April 27, 1998	School Close - *June 12, 1998

(*Subject to State Requirements)

NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Report

Northfield Elementary opened this year with just under 300 students, and has continued throughout the year at about this level. Class sizes remain at an average of 20, with a reasonably even distribution across the grades.

New staff joining the school this year include Kim Robinson in Library/Computer, Carin Pierce in grade 2, Donna Rivers in grade 5, Shenon Mager in Special Education, Pat Shilo and Jennifer Farino as speech assistants, Meg Livingstone Pre-K and K Aide, Katie Wolff part-time ESL Aide, and Lee and Evelyn Dresser in the custodial crew.

School Council continues to lead efforts at school improvement, with library fundraising, technology planning, and playground improvement being specific areas this year.

An expanded after-school program has been well attended this year and serves a critical need for programming for kids in the after-school hours.

Dana R. Parker, Principal

ENROLLMENT REPORT
October 1, 1997

Elementary:	Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
	PK	20	11	31
	K	15	14	29
	1	19	14	33
	2	16	23	39
	3	18	21	39
	4	22	24	46
	5	22	22	44
	6	18	18	36
		150	147	297
Pioneer Valley Regional:				
	7	30	25	55
	8	17	21	38
	9	17	23	40
	10	10	23	33
	11	17	7	24
	12	11	16	27
		102	115	217
Franklin County Technical School:				14
Private Schools:				
Full Circle School:				6
Linden Hill School:				2
Northfield Mount Hermon School:				53
				589

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Patricia E. Shearer, Chairperson

1997
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Bernardston

Patrick Daly	(Term expires 1998)
Karen L. Fitzpatrick	(Term expires 2000)
Jean Page	(Term expires 1998)

Leyden

Robert Bartlett (2-yr.appt.)	(Term expires 2000)
Margaret Kaeppel	(Term expires 2000)
James Nielsen	(Term expires 1998)

Northfield

Barbara Kibler	(Term expires 1998)

Kathleen O'Shea (2-yr.appt.)	(Term expires 1998)
Patricia Shearer, Chair	(Term expires 2000)

Warwick

Robert Foote (2-yr.appt.)	(Term expires 1998)
Linda Gale	(Term expires 2000)
Appointment to be made	(Term expires 2000)

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Vacation Days - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 1997

It is a pleasure to submit my tenth annual report as Superintendent of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. In 1997, school building projects and the Educational Reform Act of 1993 continued to be the focus of district efforts. To our two on-going projects in Bernardston and Warwick we have added a third - PVRS. In Educational Reform, the emphasis has shifted from finance and regulations to student testing.

In Bernardston we broke ground in June of 1997 on the $3.9 million elementary school renovation/addition project. It has been full speed ahead ever since, through the summer and into the

current school year. The target completion date is September, 1998. The process has been fairly smooth albeit not without the inevitable disruptions and delays. Students and parents have been very patient with all of the inconvenience. The staff, following principal Scott Lyman's lead, has been extraordinarily flexible and creative in their responses to the often trying circumstances. Thanks to everyone for the understanding and good humor.

Construction of Warwick's new $2.4 million elementary school is slated to begin this spring (1998). We hope to move in by September of 1999. The cost of the project has increased due primarily to the addition of a gymnasium. It is a wise decision, overwhelmingly supported by voters at a special town meeting this winter, that will help make the school the center of town activities for years to come. Remarkably, the town has raised over $60,000 in donations to offset the additional costs associated with the gymnasium, a truly astounding sum for such a small community. Congratulations to the "Friends of the New School" who coordinated the fundraising efforts.

The newcomer this year is the PVRS $17 million addition/renovation project that was approved in all four towns last fall. The tremendous support for an endeavor of this magnitude was extremely gratifying. It will enable PVRS to address the concerns raised by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges when they placed us on accreditation warning as well as provide a first rate facility for our secondary students as we enter the new millennium. Dore & Whittier of Burlington, Vermont will be the architects. Plans must be submitted by June 1, 1998 to be eligible for 70% state funding. A groundbreaking date is uncertain, but we hope that it will be within a year. Construction will take eighteen to twenty-four months to complete.

These three projects, individually and especially in combination are complicated and time consuming, but the excitement and sense of accomplishment that goes along with them make it all worthwhile.

In terms of the Educational Reform Act, Pioneer, like school districts across the state, has been grappling with its implementation since its passage in 1993. Many aspects of the law are important but none more so than the student testing that will begin this spring. In the first week of May, all Massachusetts 4th, 8th and 10th graders will be tested in English language arts, mathematics, and science and technology. A history and social science test will be added in 1999 and a world language test soon afterwards. These tests are unlike anything that most Massachusetts students have experienced. Keyed to the rigorous new state curriculum frameworks, they will yield individual student scores as well as school and district scores. Of utmost importance is the fact that, beginning with the class of 2003, students must pass the tenth grade test in order to

graduate. These tests are difficult because they require a knowledge of the "basics" and an ability to use facts to solve everyday problems.

Based upon the experience of other states that have initiated similar reforms, student scores on this first round of testing may be disappointing. These tests are tough - the toughest that Massachusetts students have ever taken. They are also very different from the standardized multiple choice tests with which we are so familiar. It will take time for students and teachers to adjust to the tests and for school districts to align their curricula with the state frameworks. Pioneer has been fully engaged in that effort for the last two years, but the work is far from over. It is a massive task that will take years to complete. The scores on the May tests will provide us with invaluable information as we attempt to identify our strengths and weaknesses.

Once again I would like to thank all of you for your generous support in 1997. Education in the Pioneer district is at its best when parents, teachers, and the community work together to ensure the success of our students. If we all keep that goal in mind we cannot help but succeed. As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Kevin J. Courtney
Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my seventeenth annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Retirement - Roger W.O.Genest, June '98
Resignation - Douglas Andrews, Science; Susan Currier, Math; Robert Hastings, Math
New Hires - Linda Cachucho, Math; Kevin Mortenson, Sped; Paul Sather, Science; Elizabeth Whitcomb, Math.

Roger Genest who joined the Pioneer faculty in 1963, announced his retirement effective June, 1998. Roger has consistently been an outstanding teacher to all of his students at Pioneer as well as to students at U-Mass and colleagues across the United States. His many contributions to education in general and Pioneer specifically are greatly appreciated. His shoes will be hard to fill.

Department Reports

Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department finally received the new state standards in the summer of 1997. All of our course curriculums will be rewritten to meet the new standards. We are already off to a good start this school year with the completion of a new and revised 10th grade curriculum. In the next 2-3 years we expect to make some major revisions to our 7-9th grade curriculums.

The Model Congress Club had one of its most successful delegations in quite some time. A bill regarding pesticide inspection of imported produce gained overwhelming support at the annual American International College Model Congress for high school students. Members of the delegation were Amanda Brown, Cheryl Phelps, Christina Patch, Nick Kelliher, Lauren Sibley, Matt Killeen, Jocelyn Brown-Saracino, Judith Schoneberger. This year's Student Government Day representative will be Clarissa Veith. Hannah Tyler was the 1998 8th grade winner of the National Geography Bee.

Industrial Arts and Technology Department

The Industrial Arts/Technology Department continues to prepare students in grades 7-12 with basic skills necessary to produce quality projects, drawing and architectural renderings. Enrollment continuously increases and student enthusiasm remains very high. To meet the requirements of modern technology, particularly with this increase in class size, the department sorely needs computer aided drafting stations and upgraded shop equipment. This equipment is crucial if P.V.R.S. students are to be properly prepared to meet the technological challenges of the new century.

Business Department:

Classes offered in the Business Department this year are: Beginning and Advanced Accounting, Consumer Mathematics, Computer applications, Keyboarding, Distributive Education and Desktop Publishing are running second semester only. All junior high students continue to participate in the six-week rotation classes of (a) Computer Literacy and (b) Introductory Keyboarding. Approximately 440 students complete one or more of these courses during the year.

The Department relocated to the new modular classroom where the majority of the classes are now held. The room is equipped with 21 new Pentium PC computers, complete with Corel Office Suite software, two new printers, and CD ROM at each station. Wiring for networking the classroom has been completed and, hopefully, will be up and running sometime in February.

The three 486 IBM compatible PC's that the Department previously obtained in 1995 and 1996 have been placed in the library and in Industrial Arts and Technology Department. Up-to-date accounting software has been purchased and will be installed on the 5 donated 486 PC's in room 10 (where the accounting class is held this year because of room-scheduling conflicts). In the event that the accounting course is scheduled in the new lab at a

future time, the site license allows us to also install this software on the new computers. While automated accounting is presently only offered to the advanced accounting students, the goal of the Business Department is to offer the same to second semester beginning accounting students.

A Yearbook class will be offered next year and the Department is currently writing objectives, curriculum, and investigating other schools that already run this course.

Specific needs for next year are:

1. Replace the 9-year old typewriting textbooks with current computer keyboarding/word processing texts.
2. Keyboarding tutorial software.
3. Classroom and teaching materials for Consumer Math and Distributive Education classes.

The Department's computer related curriculum is currently Apple IIe oriented; while it will take some time, our objective is to rewrite the curriculum to coincide with our new equipment and software. We are enthusiastic about the new computer lab and look forward to providing Pioneer students with the experience of learning the techniques and capabilities of word processing, spreadsheet, data base, slide presentation, graphs, and publishing software -- as well as the integration of these applications.

English Department

The '97-'98 school year finds the English Department, for the first time in many years, without a change in staff which helps provide some continuum to the English program. Also adding to the stability of the Department is the addition of a new module that has given English teachers without permanent rooms a base of operations. Having a center of operation for all English teachers has helped Department members organize classroom materials, display student work and provide organization to their programs.

The main objective during the first semester has been to review grade level skills related to reading, writing, speaking, listening and media. Such a review has reacquainted Department members with the scope and sequence established by the Department and has provided an opportunity to compare established skills to those required by the new Massachusetts Department of Education English Language Arts Curriculum Frameworks. The second semester will be devoted to revising the scope and sequence for each grade level, establishing grammar and language skills, writing skills, and oral skills, as well as determining which literary devices and genres of literature should be taught.

Plans to restructure the English thematic program for the '98-'99 school year are nearly complete. The new program establishes grade level English curriculum taught by one or two teachers utilizing existing themes. The program will require students to complete a grade level English curriculum rather than to choose individual themes from a menu. This restructuring will assure consistency in the skills taught and will assure that all

students are exposed to the skills required by the state's English frameworks at their grade level.

Though the new program is designed to provide more structure to the English curriculum, it will remain student-centered and will continue to provide students with meaningful classroom experiences providing for student differences in learning styles, interests and goals. The emphasis will remain on HOW TO LEARN with a new focus on skill development and subject matter.

Science Department

In its continuing effort to meet the standards outlined by the Massachusetts Science Curriculum Framework, the Science Department has made some adjustments in its curriculum this year. We also are anticipating the new science facilities and are eager to participate in the design and furnishing of those new spaces. As has been the trend in recent years, we once again have a new science staff member. Sharing teaching and preparation space is a challenge, but with the new building on the not so distant horizon, we are all finding the current compromises at least manageable. Once again, the Department was dismayed that the proposed budget for next school year includes no money for replacement of equipment. The state frameworks have outlined a common core of learning which emphasizes hands-on, experiential, learning situations for all students. This seems redundant, but our district's budgeting priorities need to be realigned. We in the Science Department have a strong commitment to improving our teaching so that we ultimately improve the success of all of our students in the future.

Two curriculum adjustments that the Science Department have made this year are: recommending changes in the courses that students can apply toward science graduation credit, and proposing a new course for upper grade level students. The result of our recommendation is that all science graduation credits must be earned by successfully completing courses taught within the Science Department. This change gives the Department greater control over content that we must teach in order to meet the standards of the state science curriculum frameworks. The new course that was proposed is also related to the Department's concern about meeting the guidelines from the state Department of Education. It is recommended that every student have learning experiences in the three domains of science. The Department had no upper level course offering in Earth and Space Science. So, Chris Flood proposed two half-year electives that would explore the topics of internal and external geology. These courses will be electives that students could take starting in the'98/'99 school year. Perhaps, in the future there could be other electives in meteorology, astronomy, oceanography, or limnology. We hope that these courses provided some exciting new choices for our students.

The Department has also begun to discuss how best to contribute to the plans that are being made for the new addition. It seems most appropriate at this early stage to explore what other schools have done when they designed new science teaching spaces. We hope that the administration will support some site

visits to other schools to gather information about the design and furnishing of science labs and classrooms. We also would like to see what other schools have done to incorporate computers and other technology into their new science areas. We all are excited about the opportunity to participate in the new project.

Our new Science Department member is Paul Sather, a familiar face to some of us. He is teaching seventh and eighth grade science, as well as a section of eighth grade math. He travels a lot during the teaching day, as does the majority of the Science Department. Moving from room to room makes preparation and transport of lab activities a challenge. Often this means that activities must be omitted that might otherwise be included due to safety and time constraints. Creativity and innovation are often what turn the art room, or a space without running water into a science classroom. Given current limitations on space we are making it work.

Finally, the limitations of the PVRS budget concern the Science Department. For years the process has been to make what can kindly be called a "wish list" for student materials, field trip money, professional development funds, computer equipment, money to replace equipment and other resources to maintain a strong science program at the high school. This "wish list" has for the past four years been basically repeated as our Department's annual budget proposal. With the exceptions of student texts and supplies, and a meager field trip allotment, the rest of the budget has not been addressed by the district. Perhaps it would make more sense to project a budget for every department and let us pioritize how best to manage those funds. At least we would know our limitations up front. The budgeting process does not work well, and needs to be changed.

Family, Consumer, and Health Sciences Department

The Family, Consumer, and Health Sciences Department curriculum includes 7th and 8th grade related arts programs in nutrition and textiles and 7th and 8th grade health. The Department dealt with the loss of the five-week rotation in social language/violence prevention education by adding and dropping units in 7th and 8th grade health for the best overall program.

The human relations graduation requirement was moved down to the 9th and 10th grade years opposite physical education in 1996-97. We are pleased with this change. Students now have vital knowledge and skills when they need it.

The First Aid course is now being taught in the FCHS Department. Barbara Carme uses the American Red Cross materials and provides a good opportunity to explore health-related careers as well as build first aid skills.

Diane Killeen revised the Advanced Nutrition Course so it utilizes current information from internet sites of the major health organizations (American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association and other) as the curriculum. Students study the link between nutrition and disease and ways to plan and prepare meals to prevent disease.

Jo Ann Pullen continues to serve as Department Head and District Health Coordinator in addition to teaching Health and Human Relations 9-10 and 8th grade Textiles. Last year she wrote a F.A.M.E. grant for 7th grade math, English, Science and Social Studies teachers to write down their curriculum; and this year the Department is working to reinforce these 7th grade subjects in the FCHS related arts program.

World Language Department

The World Language Department's goal of providing a continuous junior high curriculum was finally realized this fall. Students are now able to progress from their six-week conversational course in seventh grade to a full year of French 1 or Spanish 1 in the eighth grade.

With a greater number of students pursuing world language study, our staff in the World Language Department has increased by 1.2 teachers. In our advanced levels, we are presently able to offer levels III and IV of both languages as separate courses whereas in the past, levels III and IV of both languages were combined in the same class.

New French 1 textbooks, depicting the culture of France and other francophone countries were purchased this fall. New textbooks, new curriculum and additional personnel have intensified our enthusiasm and strong commitment to providing a continuous world language program for the students of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District.

Athletic Department

Spring of '97 brought great success for the Baseball and Softball programs both winning their respective leagues and the girls capturing the first girls' Western Mass Softball title for the school.

Fall of '97 saw more success in both Soccer programs with both qualifying for post-season play. The girls' volleyball team also qualified for tournament.

Winter '97-'98 basketball season started as it ended last year, with the wins continuing to rack up. Both the girls and boys will vie for league titles and hopefully will advance in the Western Mass. Championships.

Physical Education Department

The school year 1997-98 saw the Physical Education Department enrolling the most students since 1980. Students in grades seven through ten began the fall with a soccer unit. In this unit students in grades seven and eight were taught the basic skills which will enable them to successfully play in a scrimmage. Grades nine and ten quickly reviewed basic skills and then concentrated on game strategies. The personal fitness classes learned about target heart rate. The importance of a duration of twenty minutes and that the frequency of a minimum of three times a week is most beneficial.

In November the classes moved inside and we concentrated on volleyball skills. December was fitness month and we successfully rowed, biked and jogged across the USA. Several

students registered for National Rankings on the rowing machines. The other indoor units will include basketball and new games. The personal fitness classes will concentrate on aerobics and dance. Our dance unit will feature the electric slide, YMCA, chicken dance, macarana and various cultural dances.

Amariah Anderson and Missy Zimmerman will represent Pioneer in Boston at the national celebration of girls and women in sports day. Our spring units will focus on softball and track and field.

More and more research states that a person who participates in a lifetime of activity will live a longer and healthier life. Let's join together and continue to support quality physical education.

The Fine Arts Department

The Fine Arts Department at Pioneer continues to enjoy a strong growth. Enrollments have increased and the quality of performances of the band, chorus and dramatic arts have attracted sellout crowds to their performances. Annie, the musical production in the Fall, was a spectacular success with both the students and the public that attended. The Band, under the direction of Jonathan Cade, and the Chorus, under the direction of Amy Kiendzior traveled to Disney World to compete in competitions in each of their respective specialties. The Band and the Chorus received high marks for their performances in these competitions that involved other schools from around the country.

The Art classes exhibited in two locations last year. One exhibit was with the Franklin County Arts Council in Greenfield and the other was in the Greenfield Cooperative Bank in Northfield for the month of May. Each exhibit featured advanced work in such diverse mediums as cast bronze, large acrylic painting and mural illustrations. Several of the students that participated in those exhibits have either gone on to higher education in Art or will be going next year.

The Fine Arts Department adopted the old school house that was moved from Bernardston to PVRS back in 1976 for a Center of Visual and Performing Arts. The old school is being slowly transformed into location to showcase both student work and community work. Several grants are pending and a fundraiser will be starting in the near future to complete the project. It is anticipated that once the project starts to move along it will become a focal point for the arts in the PVRS communities. Donations of expertise, materials, time and money are being accepted to complete the project.

Inadequate budgets continue to be a real problem for the operation of the Fine Arts Department. A sincere thank you is given to the Pioneer Parent Teacher Partnership for their very generous gift of money to replace the broken enlarger in the darkroom and the donation of small tools for the Art classes. Without these donations, programs would have been impacted dramatically.

Mathematics Department

The 1997-98 school year saw several personnel changes in the Math Department. Austin Graf was appointed as Head Teacher after Sue Currier resigned the position in the Spring. Betty Whitcomb, who came to the Math Department in January '97 to fill in for Tony Matteo (who became a guidance counselor), was appointed as a permanent teacher. In late August, Bob Hastings resigned his teaching position to pursue his career elsewhere, and during the first week of school Sue Currier did the same. New to Pioneer and replacing Mr. Hastings and Ms. Currier are Linda Cachucho and Bill Wahlstrom, both of whom have accomplished the difficult task of assuming classes after the year had begun. Special thanks to Lynne Page for so ably handling Ms. Currier's position until a replacement could be found.

One of our primary goals for the current school year was to analyze our curriculum in order to a) be certain that we are making the best use of teaching time, and b) ensure that our curriculum is in step with the Massachusetts state frameworks. We have already made some modifications to the curriculum, and will continue to explore ways to maximize our effectiveness.

We are very pleased this year that we are once again able to offer calculus to Pioneer students. This year we also see a continuation of the positive trend we have witnessed in recent years for increased enrollment in Precalculus; we currently have three sections. Participation in the math program at all levels is very high.

The Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) greatly enhanced our ability to teach advanced math concepts and skills by donating to the Math Department fourteen Texas Instruments TI-82 graphing calculators, as well as a special device for displaying the calculator window image on an overhead projector. These calculators enable students to explore complex real-world problems that would otherwise be too labor-intensive for practical study. We are very grateful to the PTP for their hard work and for their thoughtfulness.

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In closing, Pioneer is thrilled that our building project was approved by all of the four towns and by such large margins. The next step involves submission of our plans to the Department of Education by June 1, 1998 in order to be placed on the School Building Assistance Bureau approved list.

Although a good school now, Pioneer can become even better with the facilities and space problems out of the way. Our accreditation status reported at the "Warning" level last report fell to "Probation" status in October. We are confident that NEASC will lift this sanction when our new facilities are in place. It is important to emphasize that we continue to be a "fully accredited institution."

In the interim another modular building opened in October and we are looking forward to the use of a new computer lab to be installed in the 2nd Semester.

My since appreciation to Superintendent Courtney, my school committee, my faculty and staff, our students and the parents and citizens of our school district for their unselfish and untiring efforts on behalf of our school and its students in 1997. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett H. Masters, Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL
Scholarships and Awards presented
at Graduation on
June 6, 1997, 6:30 p.m.

Class Valedictorian:
Heidi Kaeppel
Class Salutatorian:
Andrew Carrow
Pearl B. Allen Memorial Scholarship:
Joshua Dirth
Leigh Worden
Alice, Eric & Oscar Anderson Memorial Scholarship:
Joshua Johnson
Kate Thompson
Stephen F. Balk Award:
Nathan Pratt
Dean Beaudoin Memorial Scholarship:
Ryan Zimmerman
Bernardston Community Club Scholarship:
Kristopher Kachelmeyer
Bernardston Kiwanis Club Scholarship:
Kimberly Herron
Candice Holzhauer
Bernardston Veterans' Organization:
Kimberly Herron
Theodore Cronyn Award:
Nickolas Bonnett
Cushman Memorial and Morgan Fund Scholarship:
Justin Daly
Kimberly Herron
Jefferson P. Davis Memorial Athletic Scholarship:
Kristopher Kachelmeyer
Jenny Kummerle
Leonard C. Eastman Award:
Alyson Gordon
The Sarah Finch Scholarship of the Good Neighbors Organization:
Jillian Campbell
Greenfield Co-Operative Bank Scholarship:
Catherine Glabach
Evelyn M. Grover-Prudence A. Barnes Memorial Award:
Jillian Campbell

John A. Hogan Memorial Scholarship of the Pioneer Valley Union Education Association:
Shane Morgan
Orinda Phelps Holbrook Memorial Scholarship:
Shane Morgan
Lois Humphrey Memorial Award:
Leigh Worden
Ethel F. Jackson Memorial Scholarship:
Keri Black
Tina Patno
Emily C. Jenness Awards - Bernardston students:
Kristopher Kachelmeyer - excellence of character
Patrick Gamelin - excellence in English
Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Scholarship:
Bethany Bistrek
Evelyn G. Lawley Memorial Award:
Keri Black
Gordon W. Leavis Memorial Scholarship:
Bethany Bistrek
Leyden PTO Sponsored Pearl Rhodes Scholarship:
Leanda Fontaine
Catherine Glabach
Heidi Kaeppel
Ryan Zimmerman
Gerald and Edward McGowan Memorial Award:
Candice Holzhauer
Northfield Country Players Award:
Nathan L'Etoile
Northfield Fire Dept., Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship:
Tina Patno
Jesse Sinclair
Northfield Fortnightly Scholarship:
Keri Black
Kimberly Herron
Northfield Grange Scholarship:
Keri Black
Northfield Kiwanis Club.....
F.Sumner Turner Memorial Scholarship: Shane Morgan
Jonathan "Jake" Mayberry Scholarship: Leigh Worden
Alfred Orlens Citizenship Award:
Catherine Glabach
Thaddeus M. Ostrowski Memorial Award:
Shane Morgan
Jason Peters Memorial Scholarship:
Jenny Kummerle
Anita L. Pike Memorial Scholarship:
Kate Thompson
Pioneer Spirit Award:
1996: Garrett Tillotson
1997: Kristopher Kachelmeyer
William Moran

Pioneer Valley Regional School Scholarship:
Andrew Carrow
Lakota Denton
Leanda Fontaine
Patrick Gamelin
Rebecca Tatistcheff
Jason Vadeboncoeur
Nicholas Wisenski

PVRS National Honor Society Scholarship:
Kate Thompson

PVRS Student Council Scholarship:
Shane Morgan

Leonard D. Raymond Memorial Scholarship:
Catherine Glabach

Rotary Club of Franklin County Scholarship:
Nickolas Bonnett

Isaac B. Snow Award:
Alyson Gordon - Highest academic from Bernardston
Kimberly Herron - Second highest academic from Bernardston

Gerald Swinerton Memorial Scholarship:
Jillian Campbell

Tyler Family Memorial Award:
Rebecca Tatistcheff

George A. Warner Award:
Kristopher Kachelmeyer

George A. Warner Fund Scholarship:
Justin Daly
Alyson Gordon

Warwick Community Scholarship:
Amy Peters

Fred W. Wells Fund Scholarship:
Bethany Bistrek
Keri Black
Nickolas Bonnett
Jillian Campbell
Alyson Gordon
Heidi Kaeppel
Shane Morgan
Leigh Worden
Ryan Zimmerman

Lucy Wilder Memorial Humanitarian Award:
Nickolas Bonnett
Kristopher Kachelmeyer

Women of the Moose Nursing Scholarship:
Kate Thompson

Todd Douglas Wood Award:
Kelly Tefft

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

I herewith submit to you the annual report of the Special Education Department for the Pioneer Valley Regional District.

The programs that are available through special education address the needs of two hundred seventy-one (271) students ages three (3) through twenty-two (22).

Services available to students are provided in the regular education classroom and the learning centers at the four elementary schools in Warwick, Leyden, Northfield, and Bernardston and the Pioneer Valley Regional School and in alternative day and residential programs. Services are provided in small groups, large groups i.e. classroom groupings or 1:1 student/staff ratio. Students either receive services directly or their progress is monitored by staff who consult with classroom teachers, outside professionals and parents.

Services provided consist of academic support, substantially separate reading and math programs, speech/language therapy, psychological services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, services for the deaf, hard of hearing and visually impaired and specialized transportation. Programming is provided during the school year and, in some cases, in extended school year programs as deemed necessary by the Special Education TEAM.

Students in need of special education serivces have been identified in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts Chapter 766 Regulations. Such identification is based upon the finding that a student, because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, is unable to progress effectively in regular education and requires special education services in order to successfully develop the child's educational potential.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Frieswyk
Special Education Administrator

Trust Funds-Scholarships

Balance on hand July 1, 1996	$ 73,595.82	
Receipts - Interest Income	3,729.44	
Receipts - Donations	18,495.12	
		$ 95,820.38

Disbursements - Scholarships

Stephen Balk Scholarship	- Nathan Pratt	250.00
Theodore Cronyn Award	- Nickolas Bonnett	50.00
J.P.Davis Scholarship	- Michael Coombs	250.00
J.P.Davis Scholarship	- Angela Holloway	250.00
Leonard Eastman Award	- Alyson Gordon	50.00
Bern. Com.Club Award	- Angela Steward	250.00
Good Neighbors Scholar.	- Mary Beth Baker	100.00

Good Neighbors Scholar.	- Danielle Campbell	100.00	
Grover/Barnes Scholar.	- Jillian Campbell	250.00	
Lois Humphrey Scholar.	- Leigh Worden	300.00	
Jackson/Hammond Schol.	- Erika McDonald	300.00	
Jackson/Hammond Schol.	- Angela Holloway	300.00	
Evelyn Lawley Math Award	-Keri Black	40.00	
Alfred Orleans Award	- Catherine Glabach	50.00	
Thadeus M.Ostrowski Sch.	-Shane Morgan	50.00	
Tyler Memorial Award	- Rebecca Tatistcheff	25.00	
George A.Warner Schol.	- Allyson Maynard	400.00	
George A.Warner Schol.	- Kris. Kachelmeyer	40.00	
Lucy F.Wilder Award	- Nickolas Bonnett	100.00	
Lucy F.Wilder Award	- Kris.Kachelmeyer	100.00	
Pearl B.Allen Scholar.	- John-Paul Sanieski	200.00	
Pearl B.Allen Scholar.	- Theresa Quinn	200.00	
Orinda P.Holbrook Sch.	- Mary Beth Baker	400.00	
McGowan Memorial Award	- Candice Holzhauer	250.00	
			4,305.00
			91,515.38
			$ 95,820.38

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS						
Cash and equivalents	$ 514,297	$	$	$ 39,992	$	$ 554,289
Investments	912			74,502		75,414
Receivables:						
State government	29,966	16,776				46,742
Other	62,373	5,726				68,099
Due from other funds		54,816	3,752	600		59,168
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt					626,131	626,131
Total assets	$ 607,548	$ 77,318	$ 3,752	$ 115,094	$ 626,131	$ 1,429,843
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Note payable - temporary	$	$	$ 100,000	$	$	$ 100,000
Warrants payable and accruals	397,317	64,937	1,316			463,570
Other liabilities				25,218		25,218
Due to other funds	59,168					59,168
Notes payable - long-term					156,000	156,000
Capital lease obligations - payable					53,794	53,794
Accumulated retirement incentive					416,337	416,337
Total liabilities	456,485	64,937	101,316	25,218	626,131	1,274,087
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for expenditures		12,381		22,819		35,200
Reserved for capital deficit			(97,564)			(97,564)
Reserved for endowment				67,057		67,057
Unreserved:						
Designated for authorized deferral of teacher's pay	(150,088)					(150,088)
Designated for subsequent year's assessment reduction	92,000					92,000
Undesignated	209,151					209,151
Total fund balances	151,063	12,381	(97,564)	89,876	-	155,756
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 607,548	$ 77,318	$ 3,752	$ 115,094	$ 626,131	$ 1,429,843

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Fund Types

Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	(Memorandum Only)
REVENUES					
District assessments	$ 3,321,937	$	$ 114,480	$	$ 3,436,417
Intergovernmental aid	3,327,986	515,031			3,843,017
Out-of-district tuition	136,660				136,660
Charges for services - school lunch		139,996			139,996
Interest income	15,844			3,718	19,562
Departmental and miscellaneous		84,861		20,395	105,256
Reimbursement of teacher pay deferral	10,721				10,721
Total revenues	6,813,148	739,888	114,480	24,113	7,691,629
EXPENDITURES					
Education:					
Instruction	4,106,871	406,104			4,512,975
Administration	237,821				237,821
Fixed charges	725,624				725,624
Other school services	808,875	303,202			1,112,077
Operations and maintenance	498,708	11,718			510,426
Programs with other districts	327,089				327,089
Capital improvements			149,529		149,529
Scholarships				4,705	4,705
Retirement of debt:					
Principal			52,000		52,000
Interest			12,480		12,480
Total expenditures	6,704,988	721,024	214,009	4,705	7,644,726
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of total revenues over total expenditures	108,160	18,864	(99,529)	19,408	46,903
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating transfers in	54,500		16,110		70,610
Operating transfers out		(70,610)			(70,610)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of total revenues and other financing sources over total expenditures and other financing uses	162,660	(51,746)	(83,419)	19,408	46,903
Fund balances, beginning of year	(11,597)	64,127	(14,145)	70,468	108,853
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 151,063	$ 12,381	$ (97,564)	$ 89,876	$ 155,756

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ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

GENERAL FUND

SSETS			
ash & Investments			
Gfld Co-op Bank- Checking		676,184	
Tax Collector Checking		200	
MMDT-Combined Investment		8,774	
State St- Oth S/T Inv		237,469	
Cash Due To/From Oth Funds		(32,960)	889,667
ccounts Receivable			
Personal Property Taxes			
1989	4		
1990	40		
1991	45		
1992	36		
1993	37		
1994	67		
1995	519		
1996	419		
1997	591	1,758	
Real Estate Taxes			
1994	2		
1995	66		
1996	10,355		
1997	74,390		
1998	(1,388)	83,425	
Allowance for Abate & Exempt			
1989	(1,046)		
1990	(493)		
1991	(13,943)		
1992	(3,872)		
1993	(10,335)		
1994	(14,071)		
1995	(4,699)		
1996	(11,167)		
1997	(11,371)	(70,997)	
Tax Liens		52,593	
Motor Vehicle Excise		21,113	
Boat Excise		160	
Farm Animal Excise		506	88,558
Sewer Use	1996	2,776	
	1997	(463)	
Sewer Liens		523	2,836
ue from Other Funds			
Due from Town Grants Fund		11,990	11,990
ther Assets			
Prepaid Expenses			170
Tax Foreclosures			1,370
			994,591

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Warrants Payable			108,814
Accounts Payable			27,222
Accrued Payrolls Payable			6,677
Fees Payable			135
Payroll Withholdings			659
Other Liabilities			
Due to Cty/Dog Lic		84	
Unclaimed Checks		2,437	
Bid Bonds		300	
Performance Bonds		2,000	4,821
Deferred Revenue			
Property Taxes 1989		(1,042)	
Property Taxes 1990		(453)	
Property Taxes 1991		(13,898)	
Property Taxes 1992		(3,836)	
Property Taxes 1993		(10,298)	
Property Taxes 1994		(14,002)	
Property Taxes 1995		(4,114)	
Property Taxes 1996		(394)	
Property Taxes 1997		63,610	
Property Taxes 1998		(1,388)	
Tax Liens		52,593	
Tax Foreclosures		1,370	
Motor Vehicle Excise		21,113	
Boat Excise		160	
Farm Animal Excise		506	
Sewer Use		2,317	
Sewer Liens		520	92,764
Fund Balance			
Res-Debt Excl Ammort		66,606	
Res-Continuing Approps		77,877	
Res-Over/Under Assessmt		(940)	
Res-Expenditures		0	
Unreserved		609,956	753,499
			994,591

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FUND

ASSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Cash- due to/from Genl Fund	(75,590)		Warrants Payable		3,862	
Due from Comm of Mass	664,750		Deferred Revenue		664,750	
			Fund Bal-Ch204	7		
			Fund Bal-Ch33B	(21,954)		
		589,160	Fund Bal-Ch85A	(57,505)	(79,452)	589

TOWN GRANTS FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Arts Council Savings	4,448	Warrants Payable		776	
EOCD Invstmnt Act	192,623	Accounts Payable		80	
Cash-due from Genl Fund	36,544	Accrued Payrolls Payable		1,051	
Due from FCHHC	350	Due to General Fund		11,990	
		Deferred Revenue		350	
		Fund Balances			
		Arts Council	4,439		
		EOCD	174,733		
		EOCD-Res/exp	5,900		
		Library	8,125		
		Regl Pol Study	1,000		
		DARE	0		
		COA	2,214		
		Cmty Police	24		
		Cops Fast	6,749		
		Cops More	1,944		
		Law Enf Block	(392)		
		Library Health	4,444		
		Title V Septic	10,888		
	233,965	FCHHC+I137	(350)	219,718	233,9

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Cash-Due from General Fund	48,419	Fund Balances		
		Road Mach Earnings	5,211	
		Sale of Real Estate	5,569	
		Sale Low Value Land	98	
		Sale of Cem Lots	32,384	
		County Dog Fund	1,846	
	48,419	Conserv Wtlnds Fees	3,311	48,4

REVOLVING FUNDS AND GIFTS

SSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
ecreation Checking	8,499		Warrants Payable		2,106	
adder Fund Savings	5,938		Accounts Payable		0	
ibrary Bldg Fund	108		Unclaimed Cks- Rec Revolv		40	
. Bennett-Fee Acct	873		Fund Balances			
ash-Due from Genl Fund	15,566		Rec Revolv	6,392		
			Plan Bd Revolv	1,217		
			Ladder Gifts	5,938		
			Police Gifts	142		
			DARE Donations	0		
			Childrens Book Gif	907		
			Historical Comm G	57		
			Historical Bldg Res	44		
			Maint Cem Markers	580		
			Library Bldg Gift	108		
			Library Gifts	1,152		
			Library Fines Revol	715		
			Generator Gift	816		
			Bennett-BOH	754		
			Bennett-Plan Bd	119		
			Cable TV Revolv	560		
			EMT Gifts	20		
			Library Centennial	70		
			NHM Emerg Serv	9,239		
		30,984	Drug Forfeiture	8	28,838	30,984

INFIL/INFLOW SEWER

SSETS			LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
ash-Due from General Fund	37		Warrants Payable	0	
ue from Stabilization Fund	1,802	1,839	Fund Balance	1,839	1,839

ASSETS		
M Alexander-Checking	7,780	
M Alexander-CDs	64,162	
P. Bowman-Invest. Acct	78,863	
Trust Funds- Invest. Acct	192,818	
Cash-Due from Genl Fund	7,584	351,207

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
Warrants Payable			14
Fund Balances- Non Expendable			
PC Center Cem	15,638		
Belcher Cem	2,000		
J Cowles Cem	2,000		
C Stearns Cem	500		
F Lane Cem	202		
PC West Nfld Cem	4,677		
Priest, et ux Cem	7,292		
L Holton Cem	101		
PC Nlfd Farms	7,352		
PC Mt Hermon Ce	4,850		
M Callander Cem	500		
PC Pentecost Cem	2,100		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	100		
Bowman Library	78,193		
Belcher Library	9,739		
C Dickinson Librar	3,000		
M Montague Librar	2,010		
DAR Book Fund	100		
Holton Library	500		
McGowan Library	7,433		
Charity- Various	21,450		
Surplus Rev- Schoo	1,600		
Belcher Ctr. School	2,000		173,337
Fund Balances-Expendable			
PC Center Cem	16,344		
PC West Nfld Cem	5,699		
PC Nlfd Farms	5,437		
PC Mt Hermon Ce	4,677		
PC Pentecost Cem	179		
PC So. Mtn. Cem	27		
Bowman Library	670		
Belcher Library	4,129		
C Dickinson Librar	1,804		
M Montague Librar	2,282		
DAR Book Fund	152		
Holton Library	435		
Merriman Library	1,415		
E Jackson Library	1,011		
M Stanley Library	715		
R Giles Library	2,232		
McGowan Library	78		
M Alexander Charit	64,991		
L Evans Charity	5,632		
G Morgan Charity	11,566		
R Evans Charity	2,178		
M Starkweather Ch	29,995		
E Alexander Charit	9,686		
Surplus Rev- Schoo	490		
Belcher Ctr. School	2,237		
E Jackson- Town	1,569		
W Parker-Mnt Mrkr	1,508		
	351,207	Tercentenary Com	718	177,856	351,2

STABILIZATION FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
MMDT Investment Acct	94,807	Due to I/I Sewer Project	1,802	
	94,807	Fund Balance	93,005	94,807

AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash-Due from General Fund	400	Police Outside Detail Payable	400

GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
		Bonds-Issued 7/92 School	2,225,000	
		Bonds-Issued 7/92 Sewer	275,000	
Amts to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	3,069,532	Bonds-Issued 7/93 Sewer	569,532	3,069,532

COMBINED STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL ACCOUNT TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Total (Memorandum)
Revenues					
Taxes	2,747,052	0	0	0	2,747,052
Charges for Services	150,493	25,793	0	0	176,286
Licenses & Permits	30,090	433	0	0	30,523
Fines & Forfeitures	1,794	0	0	0	1,794
Other Deptmntal Revenue	0	6,022	0	0	6,022
Revenue from the State	490,822	246,807	0	0	737,629
Other Intergovmtal Revenue	10,583	45,279	9,240	0	65,102
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,962	13,910	0	0	19,872
Interest on Investments	27,163	22,545	0	19,931	69,639
Contributions & Donations	0	18,461	0	845	19,306
Total Revenues	3,463,959	379,250	9,240	20,776	3,873,225
Expenditures					
General Government	184,700	165	0	0	184,865
Public Safety	208,019	56,044	0	0	264,063
Education	1,638,644	0	0	0	1,638,644
Public Works & Facilities	601,716	245,592	0	3,924	851,232
Health & Human Services	19,919	7,892	0	0	27,811
Culture & Recreation	66,513	38,308	0	8,424	113,245
Capital Outlay	0	0	4,329	0	4,329
Debt Principal	220,495	0	0	0	220,495
Debt Interest	179,391	0	0	0	179,391
Temporary Loan Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovmtal Assessments	35,524	0	0	0	35,524
Insurance & Empl Benefits	132,448	0	0	0	132,448
Total Expenditures	3,287,369	348,001	4,329	12,348	3,652,047
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	176,590	31,249	4,911	8,428	221,178
Other financing sources (uses)		0	0	0	0
Transfers from other Funds	0	10,237	0	9,547	19,784
Transfers to other Funds	(9,519)	(10,265)	0	0	(19,784)
Proceeds from Bond Issue	0	0	0	0	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	(9,519)	(28)	0	9,547	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	167,071	31,221	4,911	17,975	221,178
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	586,428	186,303	(3,071)	426,223	1,195,883
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	753,499	217,524	1,840	444,198	1,417,061

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Ch 90 Hwy Imprvmnt	COPS Fast	COPS More	Library Hlth Info	State aid to Library	Arts Council
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue						
Revenue from the State	205,994				3,194	3,150
Other Intergovmtal Revenue		28,818	9,725	6,000		
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						78
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	205,994	28,818	9,725	6,000	3,194	3,228
Expenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety		25,163	7,781			
Education						
Public Works & Facilities	245,592					
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation				1,556	2,390	3,063
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	245,592	25,163	7,781	1,556	2,390	3,063
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(39,598)	3,655	1,944	4,444	804	165
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds		3,250				
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	3,250	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(39,598)	6,905	1,944	4,444	804	165
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	(39,854)	(156)	0	0	7,321	4,274
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	(79,452)	6,749	1,944	4,444	8,125	4,439

	Elderly Programs	EOCD Hsg Rehab Rets	Title V Septic	Pol Regliz Study	DARE Grants
Revenues					
Taxes					
Charges for Services					
Licenses & Permits					
Fines & Forfeitures					
Other Deptmntal Revenue					
Revenue from the State	1,869		18,000		8,000
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					
Miscellaneous Revenue		8,751			
Interest on Investments		22,212			
Contributions & Donations					
Total Revenues	1,869	30,963	18,000	0	8,000
Expenditures					
General Government					
Public Safety					8,108
Education					
Public Works & Facilities					
Health & Human Services	430		7,112		
Culture & Recreation					
Capital Outlay					
Debt Principal					
Debt Interest					
Temporary Loan Interest					
Intergovmtal Assessments					
Insurance & Empl Benefits					
Total Expenditures	430	0	7,112	0	8,108
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,439	30,963	10,888	0	(108)
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds		5,991			
Transfers to other Funds					
Proceeds from Bond Issue					
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	5,991	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	1,439	36,954	10,888	0	(108)
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	774	143,680	0	1,000	108
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	2,213	180,634	10,888	1,000	0

	Community Policing	Law Enfmnt Block Grant	FCHHC	County Dog Fund	Sale of R.E.	Sale of Cem Lots
evenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits						
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue						3,150
Revenue from the State	4,500	2,100				
Other Intergovmtal Revenue				736		
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments						
Contributions & Donations						
Total Revenues	4,500	2,100	0	736	0	3,150
xpenditures						
General Government						
Public Safety	4,547	2,770				
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services			350			
Culture & Recreation						
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	4,547	2,770	350	0	0	0
xcess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(47)	(670)	(350)	736	0	3,150
)ther financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds		278				
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	278	0	0	0	0
xcess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(47)	(392)	(350)	736	0	3,150
und Balance June 30, 1996	71	0	0	1,110	5,569	29,234
und Balance June 30, 1997	24	(392)	(350)	1,846	5,569	32,384

	Conserv Fees	Machine Earnings	Sale Low Val Land	Rec Revolving	Conserv Revolving
Revenues					
Taxes					
Charges for Services				25,793	
Licenses & Permits					
Fines & Forfeitures					
Other Deptmntal Revenue	358	1,047			
Revenue from the State					
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					
Miscellaneous Revenue					
Interest on Investments				103	
Contributions & Donations					
Total Revenues	358	1,047	0	25,896	0
Expenditures					
General Government					35
Public Safety					
Education					
Public Works & Facilities					
Health & Human Services					
Culture & Recreation				29,589	
Capital Outlay					
Debt Principal					
Debt Interest					
Temporary Loan Interest					
Intergovmtal Assessments					
Insurance & Empl Benefits					
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	29,589	35
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	358	1,047	0	(3,693)	(35)
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds	718				
Transfers to other Funds					(718)
Proceeds from Bond Issue					
Total other financing sources (uses)	718	0	0	0	(718)
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	1,076	1,047	0	(3,693)	(753)
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	2,235	4,164	98	10,086	753
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	3,311	5,211	98	6,393	0

	Plan Bd Revolving	Library Fines	Cable TV Revolving	Bennett BOH &PlanBd	Pol Dpt Gifts	DARE Prog Donations
Revenues						
Taxes						
Charges for Services						
Licenses & Permits			433			
Fines & Forfeitures						
Other Deptmntal Revenue	30	1,437				
Revenue from the State						
Other Intergovmtal Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Interest on Investments				19		
Contributions & Donations					18	249
Total Revenues	30	1,437	433	19	18	249
Expenditures						
General Government	130					
Public Safety					49	457
Education						
Public Works & Facilities						
Health & Human Services						
Culture & Recreation		722	498			
Capital Outlay						
Debt Principal						
Debt Interest						
Temporary Loan Interest						
Intergovmtal Assessments						
Insurance & Empl Benefits						
Total Expenditures	130	722	498	0	49	457
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(100)	715	(65)	19	(31)	(208)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers from other Funds						
Transfers to other Funds						
Proceeds from Bond Issue						
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	(100)	715	(65)	19	(31)	(208)
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	1,317	0	625	854	173	208
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	1,217	715	560	873	142	0

	Ladder Fnd Donations	Vt Yankee Generator	Library Gifts	Childrens Book Fund	D. Library Bldg Fund
Revenues					
Taxes					
Charges for Services					
Licenses & Permits					
Fines & Forfeitures					
Other Deptmntal Revenue					
Revenue from the State					
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					
Miscellaneous Revenue					
Interest on Investments	132				1
Contributions & Donations			8,194		
Total Revenues	132	0	8,194	0	1
Expenditures					
General Government					
Public Safety					
Education					
Public Works & Facilities					
Health & Human Services					
Culture & Recreation			490		
Capital Outlay					
Debt Principal					
Debt Interest					
Temporary Loan Interest					
Intergovmtal Assessments					
Insurance & Empl Benefits					
Total Expenditures	0	0	490	0	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	132	0	7,704	0	1
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds					
Transfers to other Funds			(9,547)		
Proceeds from Bond Issue					
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	(9,547)	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	132	0	(1,843)	0	1
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	5,806	816	2,994	907	107
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	5,938	816	1,151	907	108

	Library Centennial	Historic Comm Gift	Drug Forfeiture	NMH Emerg Serv Gift	EMT Gifts
Revenues					
Taxes					
Charges for Services					
Licenses & Permits					
Fines & Forfeitures					
Other Deptmntal Revenue					
Revenue from the State					
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					
Miscellaneous Revenue					
Interest on Investments					
Contributions & Donations				10,000	
Total Revenues	0	0	0	10,000	0
Expenditures					
General Government					
Public Safety				2,010	
Education					
Public Works & Facilities					
Health & Human Services					
Culture & Recreation					
Capital Outlay					
Debt Principal					
Debt Interest					
Temporary Loan Interest					
Intergovmtal Assessments					
Insurance & Empl Benefits					
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	2,010	0
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	0	7,990	0
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds					
Transfers to other Funds					
Proceeds from Bond Issue					
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	0	0	7,990	0
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	70	57	8	1,250	20
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	70	57	8	9,240	20

	Gft Maint Cem Mrkrs	Hist Soc Restit	Insurance Settlements	Grand Total Special Revenue
Revenues				
Taxes				0
Charges for Services				25,793
Licenses & Permits				433
Fines & Forfeitures				0
Other Deptmntal Revenue				6,022
Revenue from the State				246,807
Other Intergovmtal Revenue				45,279
Miscellaneous Revenue			5,159	13,910
Interest on Investments				22,545
Contributions & Donations				18,461
Total Revenues	0	0	5,159	379,250
Expenditures				
General Government				165
Public Safety			5,159	56,044
Education				0
Public Works & Facilities				245,592
Health & Human Services				7,892
Culture & Recreation				38,308
Capital Outlay				0
Debt Principal				0
Debt Interest				0
Temporary Loan Interest				0
Intergovmtal Assessments				0
Insurance & Empl Benefits				0
Total Expenditures	0	0	5,159	348,001
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	0	31,249
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers from other Funds				10,237
Transfers to other Funds				(10,265)
Proceeds from Bond Issue				0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	(28)
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	0	0	0	31,221
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	580	44	0	186,303
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	580	44	0	217,524

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Infil/Inflow Sewer	Grand Total Capital Projects
Revenues		
Taxes		0
Charges for Services		0
Licenses & Permits		0
Fines & Forfeitures		0
Other Deptmntal Revenue		0
Revenue from the State		0
Other Intergovmtal Revenue	9,240	9,240
Miscellaneous Revenue		0
Interest on Investments		0
Contributions & Donations		0
Total Revenues	9,240	9,240
Expenditures		
General Government		0
Public Safety		0
Education		0
Public Works & Facilities		0
Health & Human Services		0
Culture & Recreation		0
Capital Outlay	4,329	4,329
Debt Principal		0
Debt Interest		0
Temporary Loan Interest		0
Intergovmtal Assessments		0
Insurance & Empl Benefits		0
Total Expenditures	4,329	4,329
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	4,911	4,911
Other financing sources (uses)		0
Transfers from other Funds		0
Transfers to other Funds		0
Proceeds from Bond Issue		0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	4,911	4,911
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	(3,071)	(3,071)
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	1,840	1,840

COMBINING STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Cemetery P C Funds	Library Trust Funds	Other Trust Funds	Stabiliz Fund	Grand Total Trust Funds
Revenues					
Taxes					0
Charges for Services					0
Licenses & Permits					0
Fines & Forfeitures					0
Other Deptmntal Revenue					0
Revenue from the State					0
Other Intergovmtal Revenue					0
Miscellaneous Revenue					0
Interest on Investments	3,353	4,775	6,929	4,874	19,931
Contributions & Donations	750	95			845
Total Revenues	4,103	4,870	6,929	4,874	20,776
Expenditures					
General Government					0
Public Safety					0
Education					0
Public Works & Facilities	3,924				3,924
Health & Human Services					0
Culture & Recreation		8,424			8,424
Capital Outlay					0
Debt Principal					0
Debt Interest					0
Temporary Loan Interest					0
Intergovmtal Assessments					0
Insurance & Empl Benefits					0
Total Expenditures	3,924	8,424	0	0	12,348
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	179	(3,554)	6,929	4,874	8,428
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers from other Funds		9,547			9,547
Transfers to other Funds					0
Proceeds from Bond Issue					0
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	9,547	0	0	9,547
Excess of revenues & other sources over (under) expenditures & other uses	179	5,993	6,929	4,874	17,975
Fund Balance June 30, 1996	79,496	109,905	148,692	88,130	426,223
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	79,675	115,898	155,621	93,004	444,198

DETAIL REVENUE REPORT- GENERAL FUND
July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Taxes		
Personal Property Taxes	275,756	
Real Estate Taxes	2,249,943	
Tax Liens Redeemed	2,697	
Ch 61 & 61A Special Assessments	1,676	
Motor Vehicle Excise	186,916	
Boat Excise	505	
Farm Animal Excise	3,822	
Classified Forest Lands Excise	2,012	
Penalty & Int, Prop Taxes	16,479	
Penalty & Int, Excise Taxes	984	
Penalty & Int, Tax Liens Redempt	1,808	
Penalty & Int, Sewer Use Tax	2,300	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,154	2,747,052
Charges for Services		
Sewer Use	122,236	
Sewer Dumping Fees	0	
Sewer Permanent Priviledge	0	
Transfer Station	20,309	
Use of Copy Machine	354	
Use of Fax Machine-Library	347	
Street Lists, Bylaws, Maps	934	
Accident Reports	185	
RMV Non-Renewal Fees	1,214	
Building Inspection Fees	1,798	
Fire Department Inspections	660	
Admin Fee-Health/Life Ins	385	
Admin Fee-Police Outside Detail	1,325	
Board of Appeals Fees	80	
Conservation Commission Fees	20	
Certificate Filing-Tax Liens	527	
Assessors Filing Fees	0	
Town Hall Rent	120	
School Bldg Use	0	150,493
Licenses & Permits		
Alcoholic Bev Licenses	1,495	
Other Licenses	900	
Other Misc Permits	90	
F.I.D. Cards	38	
Pistol Permits	620	
Building Permits	13,645	
Wiring Permits	6,521	
Gas Permits	642	
Plumbing Permits	2,134	
Disposal & Septic Permits	3,635	
Other Bd of Health Permits	370	30,090

Fines & Forfeitures			
Non-criminal Dispositions	175		
Library Fines-Lost books	138		
Dog Fines	1,481		
False Alarms	0		
By-law Violation Fines	0	1,794	
State Revenue			
Registry Motor Veh- CMVI Fines	26,200		
Expanded Polling Hours	207		
State Owned Land	16,344		
Abatements- Veterans	1,400		
Abatements- Blind	525		
Abatements- Elderly	7,530		
School Construction Aid	181,855		
Veterans Benefits	28		
Lottery, Beano & Charity	175,864		
Highway Fund- Ch81	62,306		
Other Revenue from State	0		
Sewer Rate Relief	18,563	490,822	
Other Intergovernmental Revenue			
Court Fines	3,125		
County BC/BS Reimbursement	7,458	10,583	
Miscellaneous Revenues & Interest			
MRF Recycling Reimb.	4,975		
Other Misc Revenue	987		
Interest on Investments	27,163	33,126	
TOTAL REVENUES			3,463,959
Other Financing Sources			
Trsf from EOCD Fund	0		
Trsf from Other Special Revenue Funds	0		
Trsf from Stabilization Fund	0		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			0

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE TO CLOSE	BALANCE TO FY 98
MODERATOR SALARY	83.00		41.50	41.50	0.00
MODERATOR EXPENSE	80.00		47.00	33.00	0.00
SELECTMEN SALARIES	3767.00		3767.00	0.00	0.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	4977.00	1262.00	6022.18	216.82	0.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	30505.00		28158.24	2346.76	0.00
SECRETARY SALARY	21603.00		21603.00	0.00	0.00
FINANCE COMM EXPENS	315.00		178.00	137.00	0.00
RESERVE FUND	10000.00	-4512.61	0.00	5487.39	0.00
ACCOUNTANT SALARY	14401.00		14401.00	0.00	0.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	335.00		309.53	25.47	0.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES	4226.00		4226.00	0.00	0.00
ASSESSORS CLERK SALA	6552.00		6552.00	0.00	0.00
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	4900.00		4867.38	32.62	0.00
ASST ASSESSORS CLERK	7262.00		7262.00	0.00	0.00
PRESERVE ASSESS REC	1000.00		0.00	0.00	1000.00
REVALUATION	1688.56		0.00	0.00	1688.56
REVALUATION FY 98	0.00	5000.00	4750.00	0.00	250.00
TREASURER SALARY	7615.00		7615.00	0.00	0.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	3800.00		2923.46	876.54	0.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	5339.00		5339.00	0.00	0.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENS	7000.00		6345.60	654.40	0.00
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	25000.00		15798.13	9201.87	0.00
COMPUTER SUPPLY/SER	3950.00		2261.58	1688.42	0.00
COMPUTERS & SOFTWAR	1951.43		0.00	0.00	1951.43
UPGRADE COMPUTERS	5000.00		2949.99	0.00	2050.01
TAX TITLE FORECLOSUR	2800.00		1931.75	868.25	0.00
COPY MACHINE SUPPL/S	2000.00		999.80	1000.20	0.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	4911.00		4911.00	0.00	0.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	550.00		422.91	127.09	0.00
TOWN CLERK RECORDS	560.00		55.00	0.00	505.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRAT	4500.00		4295.49	204.51	0.00
CONSERV COMMISSION	560.00		429.08	130.92	0.00
PLANNING BOARD	250.00		72.62	177.38	0.00
TOWN NEWSLETTER	0.00	825.00	825.00	0.00	0.00
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	275.00		55.59	219.41	0.00
MASS A.P.R. PROGRAM	15000.00		0.00	0.00	15000.00
LAND DAMAGES	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN	6356.00		5937.28	418.72	0.00
TOWN HALL MAINT	14410.00	863.17	15273.17	0.00	0.00
TOWN BLDG STUDY COM	38.67		0.00	0.00	38.67
REM/RPL FUEL TNK-T HAL	555.00		0.00	555.00	0.00
TOWN HALL WIRING	6000.00		1298.28	0.00	4701.72
TOWN HALL ROOF REPAI	14700.00	-2000.00	0.00	12700.00	0.00
TOWN HALL SEAL WALL	4800.00		0.00	0.00	4800.00
ALT STAGE- TV COMM	1200.00		1200.00	0.00	0.00
TOWN HALL ROOF STM 6/	0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00
TOWN REPORTS	1500.00		1500.00	0.00	0.00
TOWN CLOCK	150.00		75.00	75.00	0.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BALANCES

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	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE TO CLOSE	BALANCE TO FY 98
POLICE WAGES & SALARI	92597.00	-3527.58	87063.03	2006.39	0.00
POLICE OPER EXPENSE	22360.00		22360.00	0.00	0.00
POLICE RADAR	2000.00		1988.50	11.50	0.00
FIRE DEPT SALARIES	2503.00		2503.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE DEPT WAGES	13691.00		13650.60	40.40	0.00
FIRE DEPT OPER EXP	15135.00		14554.26	580.74	0.00
HOSE & EQUIPMENT	6500.00		6427.22	72.78	0.00
INSPECTION FEES	1100.00	87.00	1187.00	0.00	0.00
HYDRANTS	2500.00		2500.00	0.00	0.00
MAINT FIRE STATION	6200.00		5547.49	652.51	0.00
SCBA EQUIPMENT	5000.00		5000.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE PONDS/WATERHOLE	1600.00		1560.00	40.00	0.00
REPL FUEL TANK-FIRE ST	1730.00		950.00	780.00	0.00
REMOVE GASOLINE TANK	1800.00		700.00	1100.00	0.00
REPAIR/PAINT FIRE STATI	2000.00		0.00	0.00	2000.00
FIRE STATION DOORS	2200.00		2200.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE DEPT PUMP MOUNT	500.00		157.91	0.00	342.09
FIRE DEPT GAS MONITOR	1200.00		1200.00	0.00	0.00
AMBULANCE SERVICE	4264.00		4264.00	0.00	0.00
EMT WAGES & SALARIES	3817.00	283.96	4100.96	0.00	0.00
EMT EXPENSES	3890.00		3224.87	665.13	0.00
EMT RADIO	317.00		0.00	0.00	317.00
EMT TRAINING	1050.00		0.00	0.00	1050.00
BLDG INSPECTOR SALAR	9880.00		9880.00	0.00	0.00
BLDG INSPECTOR EXPEN	1845.00		540.57	1304.43	0.00
BLDG INSPECTOR PRIOR	0.00	100.20	100.20	0.00	0.00
WIRE INSPECTOR PROGR	9080.00		9079.22	0.78	0.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	500.00		116.50	383.50	0.00
DOG OFFICER SALARY	2034.00		2034.00	0.00	0.00
DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	1300.00		1142.17	157.83	0.00
TREE DEPT WAGES & EX	5000.00		3274.88	1725.12	0.00
CONSTABLES WAGES	441.00	16.48	457.48	0.00	0.00
CONSTABLES EXPENSE	30.00		0.00	30.00	0.00
FENCE VIEWERS, ETC	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
HEPATITIS SHOTS	2115.50		0.00	0.00	2115.50
RABIES SHOTS	255.00	1700.00	255.00	0.00	1700.00
ELEM CMPTR SFTWRE/SU	141.53		0.00	0.00	141.53
PIONEER VALLEY REG SC	1447796.00	76412.00	1524206.97	1.03	0.00
PVRS-LTG, FURN, LOCKE	6507.00		6507.00	0.00	0.00
PVRS-MODULAR CLASSR	15183.00		15183.00	0.00	0.00
PVRS-TCHRS SAL DEFER	4536.47		4536.47	0.00	0.00
FRKLN CTY TECH SCHOO	88211.00		88211.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY SUPT EXPENS	900.00		811.28	88.72	0.00
HIGHWAY DEPT WAGES	152595.00		150067.37	2527.63	0.00
HWY, BRIDGES & RAILS	80000.00		69387.14	10612.86	0.00
OILING & STONING	60000.00		59356.78	643.22	0.00
HIGHWAY TOOLS	700.00		680.81	19.19	0.00
SIDEWALKS	568.95		0.00	0.00	568.95

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BALANCES

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	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE TO CLOSE	BALANCE TO FY 98
REPAIR BRIDGES	3615.36		0.00	0.00	3615.36
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENS	50000.00		36564.53	13435.47	0.00
SNOW REMOVAL-SIDEWA	1600.00		0.00	1600.00	0.00
STREET LIGHTS	13150.00		12408.32	741.68	0.00
MACHINERY MAINTENAN	62000.00		54487.73	7512.27	0.00
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAG	4000.00		2557.20	1442.80	0.00
HWY BOUNDS,SURVEY,LI	1.00		0.00	1.00	0.00
SURVEY BOUNDS TOWN	1500.00		0.00	0.00	1500.00
HWY DEPT TRUCK	31500.00		31492.00	8.00	0.00
PURCH EQUIP-HWY DEPT	10811.00		0.00	0.00	10811.00
WASTE OIL FURNACE-HW	1285.00		0.00	1285.00	0.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	4373.00		4262.00	111.00	0.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	90800.00		84153.44	6646.56	0.00
WASTE DISPOSAL-PRIOR	0.00	1100.00	1100.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER COMM SALARIES	951.00		951.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER COMM EXPENSE	67.00		0.00	67.00	0.00
SEWER DEPT COLLECTO	469.00		469.00	0.00	0.00
SEWER DEPT WAGES	38733.00		38221.41	511.59	0.00
OP & MAINT SEWER PLAN	50445.00		50215.25	229.75	0.00
SEWER-DICKINSON LIBRA	2500.00		0.00	0.00	2500.00
SEWER SLUDGE PUMP	2617.00		0.00	0.00	2617.00
WWTP SAFETY/LAB EQUI	3800.00		2670.35	0.00	1129.65
WWTP COMPOSITE SAMP	5000.00		0.00	0.00	5000.00
CEMETERY WAGES & EX	1775.00		1308.85	466.15	0.00
MAJOR IMPROV-CEMETE	0.00	8000.00	551.82	0.00	7448.18
BD OF HEALTH SALARIES	1584.00		1584.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	2845.00		2376.04	468.96	0.00
SECRETARY-BD OF HEAL	650.00		525.00	125.00	0.00
SHARED HEALTH AGENT	4399.00		4398.65	0.35	0.00
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSP FE	2000.00		1300.00	700.00	0.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1500.00		1161.15	338.85	0.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	8574.00		8574.00	0.00	0.00
SOLDIERS RELIEF	2500.00		0.00	2500.00	0.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY WA	43646.00		43035.03	610.97	0.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXP	17095.00		16914.29	180.71	0.00
NFLD FARMS LIBRARY	425.00		425.00	0.00	0.00
LIB ADDIT DESIGN-BS CT	5990.78		0.00	5990.78	0.00
RECREATION COMM	3000.00		2991.36	8.64	0.00
MAINT ATHLETIC FIELD	1800.00		1200.00	600.00	0.00
HISTORICAL SOC BLDG	400.00		300.00	100.00	0.00
HIST SOC BLDG REPAIRS	878.98	156.00	0.00	0.00	1034.98
PAINT HIST SOC BLDG	156.00	-156.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSIO	200.00		159.60	40.40	0.00
MEMORIAL DAY	1150.00		1150.00	0.00	0.00
ALEXANDER HALL	340.00		240.00	100.00	0.00
ELEM SCH BLDG USE	300.00		98.00	202.00	0.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJ/TRSFS	SPENT	BALANCE TO CLOSE	BALANCE TO FY 98
MATURING DEBT- PRIN	220494.60		220494.60	0.00	0.00
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT	179391.40		179391.40	0.00	0.00
INT ON SHORT TERM DEB	3000.00		0.00	3000.00	0.00
STATE ASSESSMENTS	3546.00		4486.00	-940.00	0.00
COUNTY TAX	28793.00		24786.16	4006.84	0.00
VETERANS DISTRICT	6252.00		6252.00	0.00	0.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	40054.16		40054.16	0.00	0.00
WORKERS COMP INSURA	12500.00		4438.89	8061.11	0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	2250.00		550.97	1699.03	0.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	72000.00		56386.85	15613.15	0.00
LIFE INSURANCE	620.00		541.72	78.28	0.00
MEDICARE/FICA	7000.00	2000.00	8925.39	74.61	0.00
OTHER INSURANCE	21000.00	550.00	21550.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	3413368.39	90159.62	3287369.40	138281.98	77876.63

DETAILED EXPENDITURES (SELECTED ACCOUNTS)

SELECTMEN EXPENSE		TOTAL SPENT
Telephone	1696.93	
Meetings & Seminars	119.00	
Advertising	1453.84	
Postage	491.24	
Other Purchased Services	190.00	
Office Supplies	345.66	
Law Books	767.35	
Other Supplies	182.32	
Mileage	92.84	
Dues & Memberships	583.00	
Bonds	100.00	6022.18
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE		
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Other Supplies	63.00	
Dues & Memberships	115.00	178.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE		
Telephone	20.30	
Meetings & Seminars	185.00	
Postage	16.59	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Office Supplies	57.64	
Dues & Memberships	30.00	309.53
ASSESSORS EXPENSE		
Telephone	58.45	
Bookbinding	388.69	
Mapping	795.00	
Meetings & Seminars	166.40	
Postage	296.32	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Registry of Deeds	255.00	
Computer support agreement	1500.00	
Office Supplies	1118.69	
Other Supplies	3.79	
Mileage	205.04	
Dues & Memberships	80.00	4867.38
TREASURERS EXPENSE		
Telephone	6.83	
Postage	481.23	
Other Purchased Services	45.00	
Bank Service Charges	950.53	
Office Supplies	1159.87	
Mileage	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	35.00	
Bonds	245.00	
Other Charges	0.00	2923.46

TAX COLLECTORS EXPENSE		
Telephone	4.60	
Data Processing	3220.10	
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	
Postage	1314.02	
Bookbinding	612.28	
Office Supplies	753.60	
Dues & Memberships	35.00	
Bonds	406.00	6345.60
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE		
Telephone	7.63	
Postage	93.34	
Other Purchased Services	48.00	
Office Supplies	128.94	
Other Supplies	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	45.00	
Bonds	100.00	422.91
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Telephone	0.00	
Meetings & Seminars	55.00	
Advertising	16.88	
Postage	0.96	
Other Purchased Services	245.00	
Other Supplies	36.00	
Mileage	20.24	
Dues & Memberships	55.00	429.08
PLANNING BOARD		
Advertising	41.26	
Postage	0.00	
Other Purchased Services	31.36	
Office Supplies	0.00	72.62
ZONING/APPEALS BOARD		
Telephone	0.00	
Advertising	37.52	
Postage	18.07	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	55.59
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE		
Wages	171.50	
Electricity	3528.65	
Water	297.65	
Repairs & Maintenance	3360.35	
Rubbish Removal	1392.49	
Other Purchased Services	102.00	
Fuel Oil	4353.78	
Propane Gas	839.58	
Supplies	1227.17	15273.17

POLICE OPERATING EXPENSE		
Telephone	497.24	
Cruiser Repair & Maint	5247.84	
Professional Training	342.00	
Meetings & Seminars	220.00	
Dispatch Service	3900.38	
Postage	234.70	
Other Purchased Services	2626.39	
Gasoline	5280.35	
Office Supplies	441.25	
Uniforms & Equipment	1110.40	
Other Supplies	2134.45	
Mileage	0.00	
Dues & Memberships	325.00	22360.00
FIRE DEPT OPERATING EXPENSE		
Telephone	801.30	
Dispatch Service	3900.37	
Other Purchased Services	3626.33	
Gasoline	498.27	
Diesel	304.64	
Other Supplies	5203.35	
Dues & Memberships	220.00	14554.26
MAINT FIRE STATION		
Electricity	2635.28	
Water	408.74	
Other Purchased Services	37.00	
Fuel Oil	2227.17	
Other Supplies	239.30	5547.49
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS		
Wages & Salary	4100.96	
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	990.20	
Professional Training	330.00	
Other Purchased Services	310.17	
Gasoline	139.93	
Office Supplies	28.90	
Medical Supplies	709.58	
Other Supplies	421.09	
Dues & Memberships	110.00	
Other Charges	185.00	7325.83
BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSE		
Telephone	0.75	
Meetings & Seminars	0.00	
Postage	27.32	
Other Purchased Services	72.00	
Office Supplies	69.50	
Mileage	341.00	
Dues & Memberships	30.00	540.57

HIGHWAY SUPT EXPENSE		
Telephone	296.53	
Postage	7.47	
Other Purchased Services	342.40	
Office Supplies	0.00	
Other Supplies	164.88	811.28
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILS		
Electricity	434.08	
Other Purchased Services	29702.70	
Materials & Supplies	39250.36	69387.14
MACHINERY MAINTENANCE		
Purchased Services	10138.12	
Gasoline	1088.37	
Diesel	10810.45	
Parts & Supplies	32450.79	54487.73
MAINT HIGHWAY GARAGE		
Electricity	2032.30	
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	
Fuel Oil	524.90	
Supplies	0.00	2557.20
WASTE DISPOSAL		
Wages	18198.53	
Electricity	1294.58	
Hazardous Waste Collection	1725.79	
Tipping Fees	36730.20	
Trucking Fees	25658.50	
Other Purchased Services	147.00	
Supplies	398.84	84153.44
OP & MAINT SEWER PLANT		
Electricity	10343.44	
Water	370.13	
Telephone	387.27	
Repairs & Maintenance	5841.39	
Lab Testing	875.00	
Meetings & Seminars	60.00	
Sludge Removal	14548.02	
Other Purchased Services	2185.83	
Supplies	12064.28	
Chemicals	3042.19	
Mileage	216.70	
Other Charges	281.00	50215.25

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE		
Telephone	76.11	
Postage	23.47	
Other Purchased Services	45.00	
Plumbing Inspection Fees	1860.00	
Office Supplies	55.46	
Other Supplies	266.00	
Dues & Memberships	50.00	2376.04
COUNCIL ON AGING		
Meetings & Seminars	64.00	
Postage	62.34	
Purchased Services	7877.62	
Supplies	254.91	
Dues & Memberships	37.50	
Other Charges	277.63	8574.00
DICKINSON LIBRARY EXPENSE		
Electricity	2213.59	
Water	190.00	
Telephone	744.01	
Repairs & Maintenance	297.23	
Postage	221.04	
Other Purchased Services	72.80	
Fuel Oil	2436.04	
Office Supplies	871.16	
Custodial Supplies	322.12	
Books	8303.56	
Newspapers & Periodicals	333.65	
Audio Tapes	322.85	
Videos	425.42	
Mileage	160.82	
Other Charges	0.00	16914.29
RECREATION COMMISSION		
Wages	2952.50	
Other Purchased Services	0.00	
Supplies	38.86	2991.36
RECREATION REVOLVING FUND		
Karate	11842.00	
Swimming	1578.00	
Tennis	280.00	
Soccer	2849.30	
Basketball	708.00	
Aerobics	2160.00	
Playground	3124.62	
Skiing	4581.50	
Yoga	2410.00	
Inter-program Expenses	55.37	29588.79

Respectfully Submitted
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Town Accountant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS

To any of the Constables in the Town of Northfield, in the County of Franklin, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

in said Town on Monday, May 4, 1998 at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening, then and there to act on the following:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Warrant and act on the motions of the following articles, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to establish the following Town By-Law:

" To allow the Town Moderator to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner in which he conducts the taking of a vote when a majority vote is required".

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town, upon exceeding the levy limit, will vote to authorize an "Override Vote" for any monies that exceed the monies recommended by the Finance Committee under Article 5 of this Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Town Meeting or any other Articles voted at the Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Town Meeting, which said sum or sums shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "Override of Proposition 2 1/2", or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 1999, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

			Approp. FY98	Requested FY99
Moderator Salary			0.00	1.00
Moderator Expense			80.00	80.00
Selectmen Salaries	'98	'99	3955.00	4153.00
Chairman	1370.00	1439.00		
Others	1293.00	1357.00		
Selectmen Expense			5970.00	7265.00
Admin.Asst.Salary			32030.00	33632.00
Secretary Salary			22683.00	23817.00
Finance Cmte. Expense			315.00	315.00
Reserve Fund			10000.00	10000.00
Accountant Salary			15121.00	15877.00
Accountant Expense			335.00	335.00
Assessors Salaries	'98	'99	4437.00	4658.00
Chairman	1541.00	1618.00		
Others	1448.00	1520.00		
Assessors Clerk Salary			14560.00	15288.00
Assessors Expense			6550.00	6550.00
Treasurer Salary			7996.00	8396.00
Treasurer Expense			3800.00	3500.00
Tax Collector Salary			5606.00	5886.00
Tax Collector Expense			7000.00	6600.00
Town Legal Counsel			20000.00	15000.00
Computer Supply/Service			4500.00	4650.00
Tax Title Foreclosure			2800.00	2300.00
Copy Machine Supply/Service			2000.00	2000.00
Town Clerk Salary			5157.00	5415.00
Town Clerk Expense			550.00	675.00
Elections & Registrations			4000.00	5000.00
Conservation Commission			560.00	620.00
Planning Board			480.00	945.00
Zoning/Appeals Board			275.00	275.00
Land Damages			1.00	1.00
Town Hall Custodian			6674.00	7008.00
Town Hall Maintenance			14450.00	18600.00
Town Reports			1500.00	1600.00
Town Clock			150.00	150.00
TOTAL			203535.00	210592.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Wages & Salaries			97127.00	102168.00
	1998	1999		
Chief	36784.00	38623.00		
2nd Ofcr.	28478.00	30187.00		
P.T.Ofcrs.	21942.00	23039.00		
Holiday-Chief	1556.00	1634.00		
O.T.Wages	6367.00	6685.00		
Police Grant Incen.	2000.00	2000.00		
Police Operating Expense			17150.00	17475.00
Fire Dept. Salaries			2628.00	2760.00
	1998	1999		

Chief	1833.00	1925.00		
1st Fire Warden	368.00	386.00		
Pub.Safety Ofcr.	184.00	193.00		
Fire Dept.Sec'y.	244.00	256.00		
Fire Dept. Wages			14376.00	15095.00
Fire Dept.Operating Expense			8000.00	8250.00
Hose & Equipment			6500.00	7000.00
Inspection Fees			1400.00	1400.00
Hydrants			2500.00	3200.00
Maintenance Fire Station			6700.00	7500.00
Fireponds/Waterholes			1600.00	1600.00
Ambulance Service			0.00	0.00
EMT Wages & Salaries			4408.00	4628.00
EMT Expense			2845.00	2845.00
Building Inspector Salary			10374.00	10893.00
Building Inspector Expense			1845.00	1385.00
Wire Inspector Program			8178.00	7724.00
Civil Defense			500.00	500.00
Dog Officer Salary			2136.00	2243.00
Dog Officer Expense			1300.00	1450.00
Tree Dept. Expense			5000.00	5000.00
Constable Wages			463.00	486.00
Constable Expense			30.00	30.00
Fence Viewers, Etc.			1.00	1.00
TOTAL			195061.00	203728.00

EDUCATION

PVRS Operating Assessment	1531812.00	1694084.00
PVRS Capital Assessment	26255.94	26120.64
PVRS Teachers Salary Deferral	4536.47	4536.47
Fr.Co.Tech.School Oper.Assessment	66063.00	88655.00
Fr.Co.Tech.School Capital Assessment	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1624130.94	1813396.10

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

Highway Supt. Expense	1200.00	6480.00
Highway Dept. Wages	160225.00	168236.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	80000.00	80000.00
Oiling & Stoning	60000.00	60000.00
Highway Tools	1000.00	1000.00
Snow Removal Expense	50000.00	51800.00
Street Lights	13150.00	14000.00
Machinery Maintenance	62000.00	62000.00
Maintenance Highway Garage	4000.00	4000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Lists	1.00	1.00
Solid Waste District	5043.00	4900.00
Waste Disposal	93125.00	96505.00
Sewer Commission Salaries	999.00	1049.00
Sewer Commission Expense	67.00	67.00
Sewer Dept. Collector	492.00	517.00
Sewer Dept. Wages	40670.00	42704.00
Oper.& Maint. Sewer Plant	58071.00	58071.00
Cemetery Wages & Services	1200.00	1200.00
TOTAL	631243.00	652530.00

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
Bd. of Health Salaries	1663.00	1746.00
Bd. of Health Expense	2365.00	2515.00
Secretary, Bd. of Health	683.00	650.00
Shared Health Agent	4509.00	6450.00
Septic System Insp.Fees	2000.00	2000.00
Animal Inspector	1800.00	1500.00
Council on Aging	8961.00	9368.00
Soldiers Relief	2500.00	2500.00
TOTAL	24481.00	26729.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Dickinson Library Wages	45828.00	50119.00
Dickinson Library Expense	17095.00	17145.00
Nfld. Farms Library	425.00	450.00
Recreation Commission	3000.00	8800.00
Maint.Athletic Field	1800.00	2000.00
Historical Society Building	400.00	400.00
Historical Commission	200.00	200.00
Memorial Day	1200.00	1200.00
Alexander Hall	340.00	340.00
Elem.School Bldg. Use	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	70288.00	80654.00
DEBT SERVICE		
Maturing Debt - Prin.	221570.56	213695.00
FY98 FY99		
Sewer(bnds 1/92) 25000.00 25000.00		
Sch.(bnds 1/92) 175000.00 175000.00		
Sewer(bnds 7/93) 21570.56 13695.00		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	167015.44	155982.98
FY98 FY99		
Sewer(bnds 1/92) 14932.50 13695.00		
Sch.(bnds 1/92) 122182.50 113520.00		
Sewer(bnds 7/93) 29900.44 28767.98		
Interest on Short-Term Debt	3000.00	3000.00
TOTAL	391586.00	372677.98
MISCELLANEOUS		
Workers Comp Insurance	10000.00	10000.00
Unemployment	2250.00	1500.00
Health Insurance	62196.00	62200.00
Life Insurance	620.00	700.00
Medicare	10000.00	11000.00
Other Insurance	23000.00	27000.00
TOTAL	108066.00	112400.00
GRAND TOTAL:	$ 3248390.94	$ 3472707.10

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept from any association, agency, proprietorship, corporation, enterprise, individual, etc., a sum or sums of money, or other gift for the benefit of the Town or any of its departments, etc., or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of unneeded articles worth less than $500 in town-owned buildings, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (Massachusetts Highway Department) for Chapter 90-type construction/improvements/reconstruction of public ways; and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 to authorize the use of a Revolving Fund for the functional purposes/requirements in arriving at the Planning Board's determinations; members attendance at seminars and meetings for educational enhancement, as well as for the purpose of hiring temporary assistance for record taking and consulting puposes; which fund shall be credited with receipts from permit application fees, under the authority and direction of the Planning Board; such expenditures not to exceed $2,500.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 to authorize the use of a Revolving Fund for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies which fund shall be credited with receipts realized by franchise fees from MediaOne under the authority and direction of the Northfield Cable TV Advisory Committee; such expenditures not to exceed $429.00, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 to authorize the use of a Revolving Fund for the purpose of acquiring computer related materials, such as, but not limited to, software, paper, books, equipment, CDRoms for use by patrons and staff of the Library; which fund shall be credited with receipts from fines levied against patrons and users of the Library for violations of Library rules and regulations, but not to include monies for lost books, audios or videos; under the authority and direction of the Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library; such expenditures not to exceed $2,000.00, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to form a committee to review and evaluate the current operation of Town government for possible changes that would increase the efficiency of and improve the operation of Town government, and to report their recommendations to the Selectboard prior to the closing of the warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to designate an Economic Opportunity Area (EOA), the area more particularly described in the Sisson Engineering, 330 Old Wendell Rd., application dated February 3, 1998 and shown as Parcel A9 and A10 of Assessor's Map 60, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to offer a Tax Increment Financing package for said qualified economic development project within above described Economic Opportunity Area, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to approve the Project Certification Application, dated February 3, 1998, submitted by Sisson Engineering for an increase in the facility located in the Economic Opportunity Area application, and the form of tax increment financing agreement between Sisson Engineering and the Town of Northfield. This approval confirms the information contained in the Project Certification Application that:

a) The project, as proposed, is consistant with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion in the Economic Opportunity Area;

b) The project will not overburden the Town's infrastructure and utilities servicing the Economic Opportunity Area; and

c) The project, as described in the Project Certification, will have a reasonable chance of increasing employment opportunities for residents of the project Economic Target Area, thereby reducing blight, and economic depression. The Town requests that the project be designated as a certified project for a term of twenty (20) years.

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Northfield Protective Regulation By-Laws by adding a new section entitled "Table of Contents", as follows:

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or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law as follows:

Article III. Definitions

Flood Plain District: See new section 3.03.

3.03 Flood Plain District

The Flood Plain District is composed of all special flood hazard areas designated on the Northfield Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the NFIP dated 9-30-80 as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30 and the FEMA Flood Boundary and Floodway Map dated 6-19-79.

Area of special flood hazard is the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated as Zone A, AO, AH, A1-30, AE, A99, V1-30, VE or V.

Base Flood means the flood having a one percent chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year.

Development means any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operation.

District means floodplain district.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA provides a nationwide flood hazard area mapping study program for communities as well as regulatory standards for development in the flood hazard areas.

Flood Boundary and Floodway Map means an official map of a community issued by FEMA that depicts, based on detailed analyses, the boundaries of the 100-year and 500-year floods and the 100-year floodway. (For maps done in 1987 and later, the floodway designation is included on the FIRM).

Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) means an official map of a community issued by FEMA where the boundaries of the flood and related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A or E.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) means an official map of a community on which FEMA has delineated both the areas of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

Flood Insurance Study means an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards, and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of flood-related erosion hazards.

Floodway means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation.

Lowest Floor means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement or cellar). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor, **provided** that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of NFIP Regulations 60.3.

New Construction means, for floodplain management purposes, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community. For the purpose of determining insurance rates, **New Construction** means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later.

One-Hundred-Year Flood - see Base Flood.

Regulatory Floodway - see Floodway.

Special Flood Hazard Area means an area having special flood and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown on an FHBM or FIRM as Zone A, AO, A1-30, AE, !99, AH, V, V1-30, VE.

Start of Construction includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, or floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

Structure means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground and affixed

to a permanent site. For the latter purpose, the term includes a building while in the course of construction, alteration, or repair, but does not include building materials or supplies intended for use in such construction, alteration, or repair, unless such materials or supplies are within an enclosed building on the premises.

Substantial Damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial Improvement means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed.

Zone A means the 100-year floodplain area where the base flood elevation (BFE) has not beeN determined. To determine the BFE, use the best available federal, state, local or other data.

Zone A1 - A30 and Zone AE (for new and revised maps) means the 100-year floodplain where the base flood elevation has been determined.

Zone AH and Zone AO means the 100-year floodplain with flood depths of 1 to 3 feet.

Zone A99 means areas to be protected from the 100-year flood by federal flood protection system under construction. Base flood elevations have not been determined.

Zones B, C, and X are areas identified in the community Flood Insurance Study as areas of moderate or minimal flood hazard. Zone X replaces Zones B and C on new and revised maps.

Article IV. Establishment of District

(Delete 4.02.01 and replace with new:)

4.02.01 Floodplain District Boundaries and Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data

Section A. Floodplain District Boundaries

The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated on the Northfield Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the NFIP dated 9-30-80 as Zone A, AE,

AH, AO, A1-30 and the FEMA Flood Boundary and Floodway Map dated 6-19-79, both maps which indicate the 100-year regulatory floodplain. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Insurance Study booklet dated March, 1980. The FIRM, Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance Study booklet are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Board of Assessors.

Section B. Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data

1. Floodway Data. In Zone A, A1-30, and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

2. Base Flood Elevation Data. Base flood elevation date is required for subdivision proposals or other development greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

Article VI. Use Regulations

(Delete 6.04 wording "the following requirements apply in the Floodplain District").

(Change existing 6.04.01 to 6.04.02 and add new 6.04.01 as follows:)

6.04.01 State of Purpose

The purposes of the Floodplain District are to:

1. Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury;
2. Try to eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials;
3. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding;
4. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding;
5. Minimize costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions;
6. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters.

6.04.02 Within Zone A, where the base flood elevation is not provided on the FIRM, the building permit applicant shall obtain any existing base flood elevation data it shall be reviewed by the Building Commissioner for its reasonable utilization toward meeting the elevat-

ion or floodproofing requirements, as appropriate, of the State Building Code.

6.04.03 Notify, in a riverine situation, the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse.

-Adjacent Communities
-Bordering States
-NFIP State Coordinator
Massachusetts Office of Water Resources
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, Ma. 02202
-NFIP Program Specialist
FEMA Region I, Rm. 462
J.W.McCormack Post Office and Courthouse
Boston, Ma. 02109

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

-Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR 2102.0, "Flood Resistant Construction");

-Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Currently 310 CMR 10.00);

-Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently CMR 6.00);

-Minimum requirements for the subsurface disposal of sanitary sewage, DEP 9(currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced State regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these State regulations.

6.04.04

A) Within Zones AH and AO on the FIRM, require adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

B) In Zones A1-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Northfield FIRM or Flood Boundary and Floodway Map encroachments are prohibited in the Regulatory Floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

C) Review all subdivision proposals to assure that:

a) such proposals minimize flood damage;
b) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and
c) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards
d) existing contour intervals of site and elevations of existing structures must be included on plan proposal.
e) the applicant will submit one copy of the development plan to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health, Building Commissioner/Inspector for comments, which will be considered by the appropriate permitting board prior to issuing applicable permits.

(Add new section 6.04.05 as follows:)

6.04.05
The following, but not limited to uses of low flood damage potential and causing no obstruction to flood flows are encouraged, provided they are permitted in the underlying district:

1) Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture, etc.
2) Forestry and nursery uses.
3) Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.
4) Conservation of water, plants, wildlife.
5) Wildlife management areas, foot, bicycle, and/or horse paths.
6) Temporary non-residential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises.
7) Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions.

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 181, Section 1 of the Acts of 1995 for annual cost of living adjustment in the annual exemption amount to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors under Mass. General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D. The amount of the annual adjustment to be based on 100% of the percentage of the preceding years Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Commissioner of Revenue will advise Assessors each year of the amount of the increase in the CPI for the preceding year; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 1992, which established

an enterprise fund for the Sewer Commission under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the current Northfield Building Space Committee, established by vote of Town Meeting on May 19, 1991, to study and evaluate space of current and future needs for various town departments, and dismiss the Committee with thanks, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a new 4-wheel drive Police Cruiser, with related equipment, and trade in or dispose of the present Ford Explorer cruiser, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $25,000.00

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase and/or erect a structure to be used as a Police Station for the Northfield Police Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Amount requested: $120,000.00

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a patient stretcher for use by the Northfield EMT's in the Northfield Rescue vehicle, to upgrade and maintain safety, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $2,000.00

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a radio repeater for the Northfield Rescue vehicle, to allow increased portable radio communications with dispatch centers and BHS Ambulance, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,500.00

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the payment of a Northfield Rescue (EMT's) bill of a prior year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

FY97 Roster charges to Franklin Medical Center $ 35.00

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to supplement the amount appropriated under Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 1995 and continued on June 26, 1995 for repairing the cupola and painting the Northfield Fire Station building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $5,500.00

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for a survey of the property as shown on Assessors Map 4 as Parcel F3, in relationship to the Massachusetts/Vermont state boundary line, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,000.00

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to replace the sander on the Northfield Highway Department 1987 International dump truck, and dispose of the old sander, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $14,500.00

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to install approximately 800 feet of drainage on the upper section of Old Wendell Road, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $18,500.00

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase and install two 80-gallon electric water heaters at the Northfield Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,250.00

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to remove old carpet and install new carpet in the computer laboratory of the Northfield Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,500.00

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Northfield Nine-Town Community Development Block Fund Grant program funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to upgrade computer hardware and software systems at the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $45,000.00

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a sound system with an extra microphone to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen for Town Meetings and municipal activities, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,500.00

Article 33: To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to the Northfield Cable TV Advisory Committee to allow them to upgrade their equipment, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,000.00

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for renovations to the Town Hall balcony to create storage space, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $4,000.00

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to repair one chimney at the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $6,225.00

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to repair the broken gear on the south face of the Town Clock, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $500.00

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the preservation of vital record books in the Board of Assessor's Office, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $1,500.00

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purpose of digitizing the Assessor's maps, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $6,250.00

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money to supplement the account to make necessary repairs to the Historical Society building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $2,000.00

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for its share of the core assessment of the FRCOG, or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested: $19,976.23

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the Stabilization Fund/Account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested:

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 1999, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount requested:

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in Northfield on Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

One Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; three Constables for three years; one Constable from Northfield Farms for three years; two Board of Health members for three years; one Sewer Commissioner for three years; and three Recreation Commission members for three years.

The polls will open at eight a.m. and close at eight p.m.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the V.F.W., West Northfield, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirty-first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

SELECTMEN	Alfred C. Havens, Chairman
of	Bruce W. Jones
NORTHFIELD	Richard F. Taferner

A True Copy ATTEST: James B. O'Shea
Constable of Northfield

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